

Bearcats gain key MIAA win, prepare for Miners. See page B1.

NEWSWIRE

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BUQUERQUE, N.M. Five workers have been fired from their roles in a security scandal at Los Alamos National Laboratory, the lab's director said Wednesday.

The fired workers were among 23 suspended this summer over two computer disks containing classified information missing. The discovery prompted a virtual lockdown of the nuclear lab, which employs roughly 12,000 workers. The other 18 workers will be fired or demoted from their jobs but will be reemployed, Director Pete Smith told The Associated

Press. "It's very important to get the message out to the public," Smith said in a view via cell phone from the lab's headquarters in Albuquerque, N.M.

Smith would not discuss the names of the fired employees but said some were dismissed for actions that you were not to take, or signing off on documents you hadn't done. He said he had not taken the appropriate precautions in a safety area. "It really did fit the punishment," he said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee voted Tuesday to boost funds for AIDS and other diseases in poor nations but pressed for more than half what President Bush wanted for prodding the administration to adopt democratic

effort to combat AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, largely in Africa, would be \$200 million next year, \$200 million more than Bush proposed. But the \$1.1 billion for the Millennium Challenge provides extra aid for countries embracing democratic free-market practices, which is below the \$2.5 billion requested. AIDS and Millennium Challenge funds were part of a \$1.1 billion foreign aid bill the Senate Appropriations Committee approved. The House has approved a reduction in Millennium Challenge, as lawmakers show little hesitation in taking money from that Bush program to their own. Though the program would get \$120 million over this year's level, the House cut from Bush's proposal. "We're really waiting on clearing the red tape with University administrators," she said.

Drought quenched by summer rains

By JARED HOFFMANN
CHIEF REPORTER

Two years of drought is enough to make anyone thirsty. But thanks to a wet summer, crops are once again drinking their fill.

Greg McQuinn has firsthand experience when it comes to agriculture. As the manager of Northwest Implement, a farm supplies dealer, he sways with the ups and downs of life

in a farming community.

According to McQuinn, drought is an obstacle all farmers must face, but this time was more serious.

"The water situation was getting pretty serious," McQuinn said. "Ponds, livestock water and creeks were pretty well dried up."

According to McQuinn, irrigation is one system that could bring relief during drought time. Irrigation is a system that

aids farmers during drought time by channeling water through a canal from a large body of water to sprouting fields. McQuinn said the lack of such a system only adds fuel to the drought's fire.

"We've had enough timely rains to keep us at about average the last couple years," McQuinn said. "We've pretty much bounced back, but the situation was starting to get people really nervous."

When he's not managing the Northwest Implement, McQuinn spends time managing his own crops. He splits time between the store and raising corn, beans and cattle. McQuinn felt the effects of the drought first-hand.

"It wasn't as critical on the (cattle) water," McQuinn said. "But the farm was starting to get bad. Another year could have been devastating."

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PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Once-dry soils are soaking up much-rainfall. With the recent rains, farmers breathe a sigh of relief as worries about crop loss wane.



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"I've visited with every president since Johnson, including our current president. I believe (Bush) handled the situation very well and with honor."

-Sammy L. Davis,
on War in Iraq

VETERANS SPEAK OUT

From Bush and Kerry to the War in Iraq
former servicemen share perspectives

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

It's hard to argue that U.S. veterans have a different perspective on American ideas such as freedom, duty and honor that the average person can only admire.

As described by Congressional Medal of Honor winner Sammy L. Davis, after already suffering from a gunshot wound, he plunged into a river outside of Cai Lay on Nov. 18, 1967 without a second thought after hearing calls from help from his fellow soldiers.

Only one thought ran through his mind. "Just thought back to what my dad told me growing up in Illinois," Davis said. "He said to watch after my little brother and to never leave him behind."

Not all veterans think Sen. John Kerry shares the same qualities. "John Kerry shouldn't even have the opportunity to run for president," said veteran Jeff "Mario" Smith.

"It's sickening. His crimes are worse than the crimes Benedict Arnold was hung for."

Smith was referring to Kerry's active involvement in anti-war protests after returning from serving in Vietnam, as well as an April 23, 1971 protest when Kerry threw medals and ribbons earned for his efforts in Vietnam onto the front lawn of the White House in protest. Kerry earned a Bronze Star, a Silver Star and three Purple Hearts during his tour in Vietnam.

"You can't deny he served over there, but what angers me is what he did when he came back," retired Marine Randy Holke said. "To a lot of people that was a slap in the face."

Kerry's Web site states that the Massachusetts Senator is "proud of the work he did to end the war" and that since the Nixon administration, Republicans have been trying to smear his image.

"I don't like that a presidential candidate says 'Hey, I'm a hero, I have three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and all this,' heroes don't do that," said veteran Jim Deister, who earned a Purple Heart for gunshot wounds to his head and chest in Vietnam. "There are some vets that think very highly of John Kerry, but I believe the majority of them don't."

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Students campaign for polling place in Student Union

Your Voice,
Your Choice
urges voter
registration

By SARAH SWEDBERG
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

With less than a month left to register 280 more students, "Your Voice Your Choice" continues its campaign for a polling place on campus.

"We are pushing for the Union right now," said Rebecca Hopkins, Your Voice Your Choice member.

"Just because it's where the students are," she said. In the past few years, students wanting to vote could at the Wesley Center. "(But) it's not a very good location for it, just because it's not where the students are," Hopkins said. "Most students don't go to the Wesley Center on a daily basis."

So a group of eight students and their advisor John Fisher formed Your Voice Your Choice.

"It was a grant to im-

prove voting among young adults between 18 to 25 years old," Hopkins said.

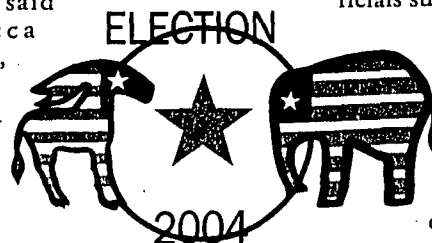
The 'Culture of Quality' grant, written by Fisher and funded by the University, allocates \$4,200 to the organization's campaign. The grant goes to buy software, computer equipment and other necessities.

Right now, Your Voice, Your Choice is partnering with campus organizations such as Student Senate, College Republicans and Young Democrats to register 500 on-campus students by Oct. 6. However, the partnership between University and city officials such as County Clerk Beth Hann, is vital to establish a polling place at the Student Union.

In the 2000 general elections only 311 students voted. Carly Jackson, another Your Voice Your Choice member, and Hopkins say their goal is to encourage 500 students if not 1,000 of the on-campus students to vote.

"My main hope would be that if we get (the polling place) here, even if we don't have a huge turnout this year, that it could be a consistent place that students could go to every elections to vote," Hopkins said.

Please see 'Student' on page A7



Filmmaker Moore may visit Northwest

By SARAH SWEDBERG
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Bound and determined to bring filmmaker Michael Moore to campus, the Young Democrats continue to work with University administrators to make it happen.

"We're dedicated and motivated by the cause," Young Democrats president Lizzi Sexton said. "He's willing to come."

The purpose of college and having speakers such as Moore come to campus, Sexton says, is to learn and to share in each others' perspectives.

"I think this event would get everyone excited and engaged in what's going on in Maryville and far beyond," she said. "Whether you love him or hate him, this event will open up the lines of communication for everyone."

Plus, Sexton says Young Democrats wants to open the event up to another speaker so that both points of view are covered. "It's all about compromise," she said.

Young Democrats would also like to co-host the event with other campus organizations.

"We're really waiting on clearing the red tape with University administrators," she said.



MICHAEL MOORE/AP PHOTO

Wage increases draw near for student employees

Career path program
reorganizes to benefit
Northwest students

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Gone are the days of searching aimlessly for on-campus jobs with no opportunities for a raise.

Here are the days of following the "Career Path" on campus while receiving yearly raises.

Mary Throener, vice president of Human Resources, said that is a real possibility as her department revamps the current system.

In recent years, wages were determined simply by the occupation, not by the experience level or the time the student has been with the

University, Throener said.

"Now, it seems better to look at it from a different perspective, and have the students' revenue based on their skills increasing as they remain with the job," Throener said. "It's a little different philosophy."

The new program, deemed "Career Path," will give students across campus the opportunity to work towards a raise each year. But Throener said freshmen may be the logical place to start.

"To put this into development, we have to look at what makes the best sense for everybody, including administratively, how it's going to work, so that there's not 15 different wage rates at any given time," she said.

While freshmen would start at minimum wage, Throener said upperclassmen who currently make more than \$5.15 per hour will not be brought back down.

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Last Week's Results:

Who do you plan to vote for?		
54%	John Kerry	
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4%	Ralph Nader	
4%	Undecided	

Online poll:

How will Northwest's own Whitney Scott fare on ESPN's Dream Job?

- a. She's a lock to win it all.
- b. OVER-RATED!
- c. She's final four bound.
- d. Whitney who?

MISSOURI NEWS

Neighborhood rejoices after arrest is made

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - An inner city neighborhood that had lived in fear after the bodies of drug users and prostitutes were found on vacant property rejoiced after a man with a lengthy criminal history was charged with one of the six deaths.

"I'm glad they got him," said Fred Simpkins, 59, as he walked through the neighborhood Wednesday. "After they started finding them bodies, you didn't see no one on the streets."

On Tuesday, prosecutors charged

Terry A. Blair, who turns 43 on Thursday, with one count of first-degree murder in the death of Shelia McKinzie, 38. Semen found on McKinzie's body linked Blair to the crime.

Then on Wednesday, police announced they had asked prosecutors to charge Blair in three assault/rape cases, as well as the deaths of the other five women whose bodies were found recently in an 18-block area east of downtown. Police had earlier said that they believed the six homicides were the work

of one killer.

When Blair was arrested last week and questioned in the slayings, he was on parole for killing his ex-girlfriend, Angela Monroe, who was the mother of his two children. According to court records, Blair killed Monroe because he was angry she was working as a prostitute.

The charges against Terry Blair brought relief to community members, many of whom knew his family.

"Everybody gets worried about when they start finding bodies along your

neighborhood," said LaRue Hubbard, 64, as he sat on a front porch with friends.

Sandra North, 32, said the string of deaths had so frightened her that she stopped walking her children to school and to the bus stop. Instead, her brother agreed to escort the children, as well as children from two neighbor families.

"I've been in this neighborhood all my life, and I've always walked these streets always," North said. "He scared the crap out of me. I won't do it now."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Stewart may serve time so

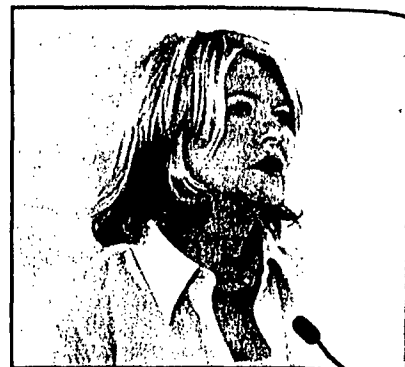
NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart, who has said she was considering serving her prison term quickly, scheduled a news conference Wednesday to discuss "matters relating to her sentencing."

The millionaire businesswoman was sentenced in July to five months in prison and five months of house arrest after she was convicted of lying about why she sold ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001.

A federal judge allowed her to stay out of prison while she pursued an appeal, but Stewart had said she was thinking of serving her time anyway, even though she was confident of her chances on appeal.

"My company needs me," she told CNN on July 19. "I would like to get back to work. I would like this to be over."

Last month, the company, struggling with declining advertising, posted a wider loss than Wall Street expected in



Martha Stewart (AP)

the second quarter. It also warned losses for the rest of the year.

Stewart planned to appear with Walter Dellinger, the lawyer handling her appeal.

A spokeswoman for Stewart immediately return a call for comment and a spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in Manhattan said she had no comment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Edwards promises no military draft if elected

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. - Vice presidential candidate John Edwards promised a West Virginia mother on Wednesday that if the Democratic ticket is elected in November the military draft would not be revived.

During a question-and-answer session, the mother of a 23-year-old who recently graduated from West Virginia University asked Edwards whether the draft would be reinstated.

"There will be no draft when John Kerry is president," Edwards said, a statement that drew a standing ovation.

The current force is all-volunteer, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said he opposes reinstating the draft. But the Pentagon has taken several steps that have drawn criticism.

In June, the Pentagon recalled to active duty 5,674 members of the Individual Ready Reserve, soldiers who have served specified tours of duty but have years remaining in their enlistment contracts.

Kerry, the Democratic presiden-

tial candidate, has complained about the extent of the Bush administration's use of Reserves and National Guardsmen and a device called "stop loss," which prevents soldiers from leaving when typical obligations end. "They

have effectively used a stop-loss policy as a backdoor draft," Kerry said.

During the session with Edwards, a woman whose son is serving in Iraq asked why the vehicles in his convoys are not armored. She said one vehicle

was attacked last week and three soldiers were killed.

"We will never send American men and women into battle without first having a plan to win the peace and without the training and the equipment they need, including armored vehicles and including body armor," Edwards said. "We have one candidate for president who has fought in a war. The truth of the matter is John Kerry takes this very, very personally."

Bill Ambrose, a land surveyor from Volcano, told Edwards, "I don't know why we can't hammer George Bush. The concern is we are not supporting the troops. I think that's a separate issue. We all support the troops. This administration has made the most monumental foreign policy mistakes since Vietnam."

Edwards said that when he and Kerry say they support and admire U.S. troops serving in Iraq, "it's not just words, it's what we really believe."



Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, speaks from the back of a pickup truck during a visit to the United Steel Workers Association Local 5668 at Paul Rusen Hall in Ravenswood, W.Va., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004. (AP Photo/Randy Snyder)

Country singer turns on golf game

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Vince Gill, winner of 15 Grammys, is also a pretty good golfer who says he would have loved to play the game as a professional.

Gill, who scored his fifth career hole-in-one two months ago in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn., participated Monday in the Vince & Woody Charity Pro-Am at Gaillardia Golf & Country Club.

"I'm holding out just the slightest glimmer of hope that I'm going to explode onto the senior tour," the affable 6-foot-3 tenor said before whispering, "I'm just kidding."

The event benefits junior golf and the Children's Miracle Network.

On Sunday night, a group of amateurs bid \$25,000 to play with Gill and fellow singing superstar Amy Grant, his wife of four years.

Woody Austin, winner of the Buick Championship two weeks ago, said Gill's "got game."



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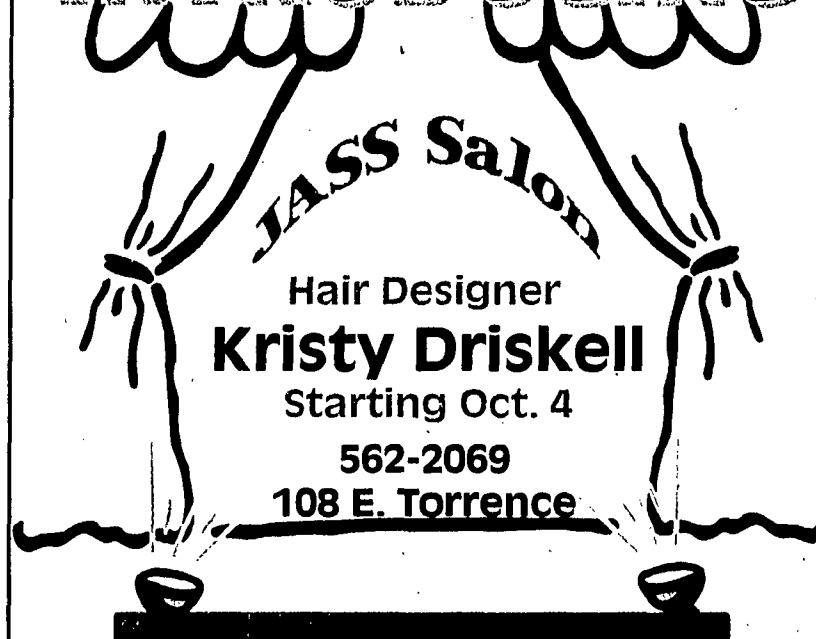
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Our View

Unity now

America passes the three-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. America, now is again the time to band together

Across the country Saturday, people remembered the 3,000 lives lost three years ago in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. From the college football gridiron to the baseball diamond to the campaign trail, one theme rang loud and clear: "We will never forget." However, the 1,100 days since the Sept. 11 attacks have yielded little unification between the two political parties, and the country as a whole. While second and third-year anniversaries mark the vivid and terrifying memory of the World Trade Center twin towers falling, the country seems stagnant in trying to combat polarization.

Al Qaeda must be thrilled. The blame game played since 9/11 has made terrorists an afterthought at this time. Since the attacks on American soil, we are as divided as ever. And all things considered should not be the case. In terms of unity, we can only wish we were as united as we were immediately after those attacks. The days following Sept. 11, 2001, the Democratic-Republican mindset was cast aside in favor of one another simply as fellow Americans. Where are we now? And more importantly, where are we headed now? The focus in the coming elections has been geared more towards what group is best for what side, who did or didn't authorize this group or that group to run this ad or that what each candidate was or wasn't doing 30 years ago. In the meantime, neither side has a quick fix or a battle plan for a war unlike any other the United States has ever fought: the war on terrorism. This is happening because the two sides can't put their differences for five minutes to cooperate for the sake of America's future. The war has marched on, but we as a country sure haven't advanced much. All we have really done is put our collective fingers, and many are ready to blame someone just because they despise his opponent. This is not a good way to utilize the democratic

process. We need to leave the purported 9/11 red herring from the Bill Clinton presidency and the Bush administration at the door. We need to look toward the future. While differences of opinion are healthy, indeed, what makes America great, civil discourse is in order. This practice has already been demonstrated by one non-partisan political organization campus. The National Student Government for Political Awareness had its first forum Sept. 8. Up until discussion of the War on Terrorism, the forum was mild-mannered, by Democrats and Republicans. By the end of the forum, everyone left as students wanting the country to move forward, rather than embittered rivals. Politicians can learn a lot from college students. While Americans in the 18-24 age range haven't shown to flock to the polls, those days are coming to an end. To reinforce that state students must come together and have a calm forum to discuss key issues happening in the world, not what happened before Sept. 11 or what candidates did or didn't do 30 years ago. As we march towards the first presidential election since the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history, we are currently a nation divided. If we stay on this track, we are letting al-Qaeda succeed. America sorely needs to learn its lesson about unity in the name of self-preservation or we'll be doomed to repeat of Sept. 11. Regardless of who wins the election, as "the most powerful man in the world," President Bush, America must come together. As our country shows now, it seems we're already beginning to.

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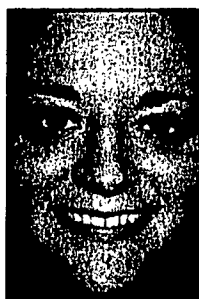
YOUR VIEW

Who inspires you?



"Politicians inspire me to be a better liar because it takeschutzpa to lie consistently to that many people."

Tony Sasso
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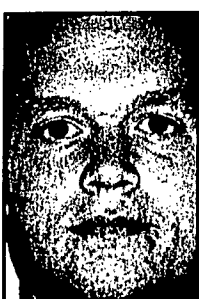
"Funny, quick-witted random people like Conan O'Brien inspire me to look for the humor in every day life. It also keeps me on my toes. Gotta keep up with those rare witty people."

Andrea Taylor
Child/Family studies



"Basically my students since I'm a professor. I need to teach. Without my students there's nothing in my life. It's a need for me just like breathing."

Francisco Martinez
Spanish graduate student



"Unicorns. Every time I look at their magical beauty I see myself as that mystical animal journeying through a world of knowledge with majesty and grace. Oh and they're really pretty."

Jesse Price
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"I would have to say people, nature, coffee and sleep."

Julie Miller
English/Art



Drinking again rears its ugly head

My View



Pete Gutschenritter

As much as Northwest is known for its computer capabilities and football excellence, it is also known for something much darker and less publicized: alcoholism.

By way of bar-hopping and party-going, alcoholism sneaks into our daily lives on Maryville streets in mysterious ways. Arguably, this accusation can be made at several colleges and universities across the country. But the question still remains: where does the responsibility lie within the student body and the University?

The responsibility of the student body is much greater but far more complex than any administrative action at Northwest. To see alcoholism from the viewpoint of the student, look no further than outside your door on a Friday night or inside a crowded bar. I saw that vantage point last weekend, and it was scary as hell.

While minding my business listening to some live entertainment, word broke that someone was getting kicked out. Being sober and realizing the individual was drunk to the point of humiliation to *bar patrons*, I went to get my car. After kicking and fighting, the individual was driven home safely.

But it was after taking that individual home when I began to explore the issue at its core.

For what reason does a person drink beyond intoxication? Can they control how much they drink? And how do students and University officials feel about this issue?

In a perfect world, a designated driver will come, and take the person home, and everything will be fine the next day. But this isn't a perfect world, and people who get intoxicated on daily basis need assistance from the people they trust most: their friends. But all too often, the individual and their friends are in denial and use the blanket excuse, "Everyone was doing it." That cannot, and will not cut it.

Aside from their closest friends, students need direction. They need a form of leadership. They need the University.

Northwest throws all kind of numbers out to prospective students. Numbers like, "74 percent of our stu-

dents drink responsibly." But what about the students who party irresponsibly? What about the students who can no longer control the way they party?

To their credit, Northwest administrators have launched the Safe Ride Home program. That's certainly a start. But what can be done during the week to ensure students drink responsibly?

Student-run forums are needed to discuss this epidemic with professionals to answer questions. There needs to be an inviting atmosphere for students who need assistance.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is Oct. 17-23. What better opportunity to get off on a good foot to attack alcoholism head on? Because in some way, directly or indirectly, we've all seen alcoholism rear its ugly head.

Last weekend's experience brought back hellish nightmares I would like to forget. Experiences where people close to me mixed alcohol with driving. One resulted in death to an innocent victim, while another proved to be a serious wakeup call.

Take it from me. It would be nice if students on this campus don't have to experience those same nightmares—and they can be prevented.

Ever so dreamy: Western's student president

My View



Abby Simons

As a great motivational speaker once said, some people take opportunity, grab it by the tail and put it in their pocket.

At Missouri Western State College, they doze soundly through it.

In front of a few thousand people.

Heads up: The following barbs don't stem from any lame football rivalry. This was about embarrassment not only to an institute of higher learning, but to a region as a whole on the part of one man. A man who, coincidentally, represents the entire student body of a college struggling to gain further credibility in the eyes of state legislators.

Don't believe me? I guess you had to log on to the *St. Joseph News-Press* Web site Wednesday. There you would've found Elijah Haahr, President of Western's Student Government Association and an aspiring politician indeed, sleeping like a baby through an hour-and-a-half speech by the most revered and influential journalist of our time.

I wonder if he's single.

Upon hearing word that The Washington Post's Bob Woodward was delivering Western's annual Convocation on Critical Issues speech Tuesday, a few friends and I jumped at the chance to hear his insight on President George W. Bush's handling of the war on terror. Despite the 9:30 a.m. start time—an hour the pope himself last week declared ungodly—we considered it worth rolling out of bed and skipping class to bask in the presence of Woodward, the working half of the duo who single-handedly brought down a crooked presidential administration during the infamous Watergate scandal.

Instead, we stared in horror, embarrassment

and rage at a comatose Haahr, seated onstage alongside University President James Scanlon and distinguished alumni, mouth agape, his goateed chin resting against his chest.

As Woodward gave a firsthand account of the hours of inside access he gained with President Bush for his bestselling novel "Plan of Attack," I caught myself wondering what Haahr dreamed about as a community, unable to focus on the distinguished speaker, simply gawking while high school students snickered. Was it chicks? Last night's crazy-wack frat party? Comparison of the groupthink phenomenon as it applies to the Watergate scandal and the War in Iraq?

Regardless, I hope the dream was good, because life has likely been a nightmare since he awoke.

On the way out of the fieldhouse Tuesday, I ran into a few acquaintances who write for *The Griffon News*, Western's campus newspaper. Understandably, they were livid, but not as much as they were surprised. After doing a little research, I was also shocked. As it turns out, Haahr is no slacker. In holding office and campus jobs, he's busting his tail to organize a debate between gubernatorial

candidates Claire McCaskill and Matt Blunt this fall on the Western campus. Should he succeed, I'd take another trip to St. Joseph to attend.

Inspired by Woodward's journalistic integrity, I gave Haahr a buzz, wanting to get his side of the story as to why he didn't so much as stir after clocking out 10 minutes into the speech.

And I found that he's actually a heck of a nice guy who sincerely regrets a real huge screw-up.

He offered up a couple excuses, which he acknowledged were pretty lame. He'd had little sleep after organizing a concert the night before, and on top of classes and applying to law school, he's run himself into the ground. Regardless, he knows he's responsible for his actions, and has spent the last two days apologizing to his campus through mass e-mail and a letter to *The Griffon News*, as well as responding to numerous phone messages—31 left on his cell phone during the speech, begging him to wake up.

Despite my anger and embarrassment stemming from Haahr's actions, I harbor no ill will. After all, it seems that behind every political career is at least one huge mistake, and, in addition to owning up to his actions in the most responsible way possible, I'm sure he's suffered enough already at the hands of his peers, not to mention President Scanlon. No doubt, it could be worse, and it would be a shame to see someone who so graciously admitted his mistake step down.

Nevertheless, damn, Elijah. Three words of advice for you: Black friggin' coffee.

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Hotel set to open by mid-December

By DOMINICK HADLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It may not be much to look at now, but come December the wood frame that rests along South Main will be a new Holiday Inn Express.

The 60-room hotel is slated to open in mid-December, and will house an indoor swimming pool, as well as meeting space for businesses and other groups.

The initial stages of construction got off to a rocky start, according to Dick Meyers, owner of BBI Construction, the company contracted to build the hotel. Heavy rainfall put a damper on early groundwork and caused small delays.

"It was a drought when we first came here," Meyers said. "And it was soon over when we started."

Despite the minor setback, construction is currently running smoothly, he said. Roof work will begin this week, while plumbers and electricians are already working on the inside of the hotel.

Lisa Luke, executive director of the

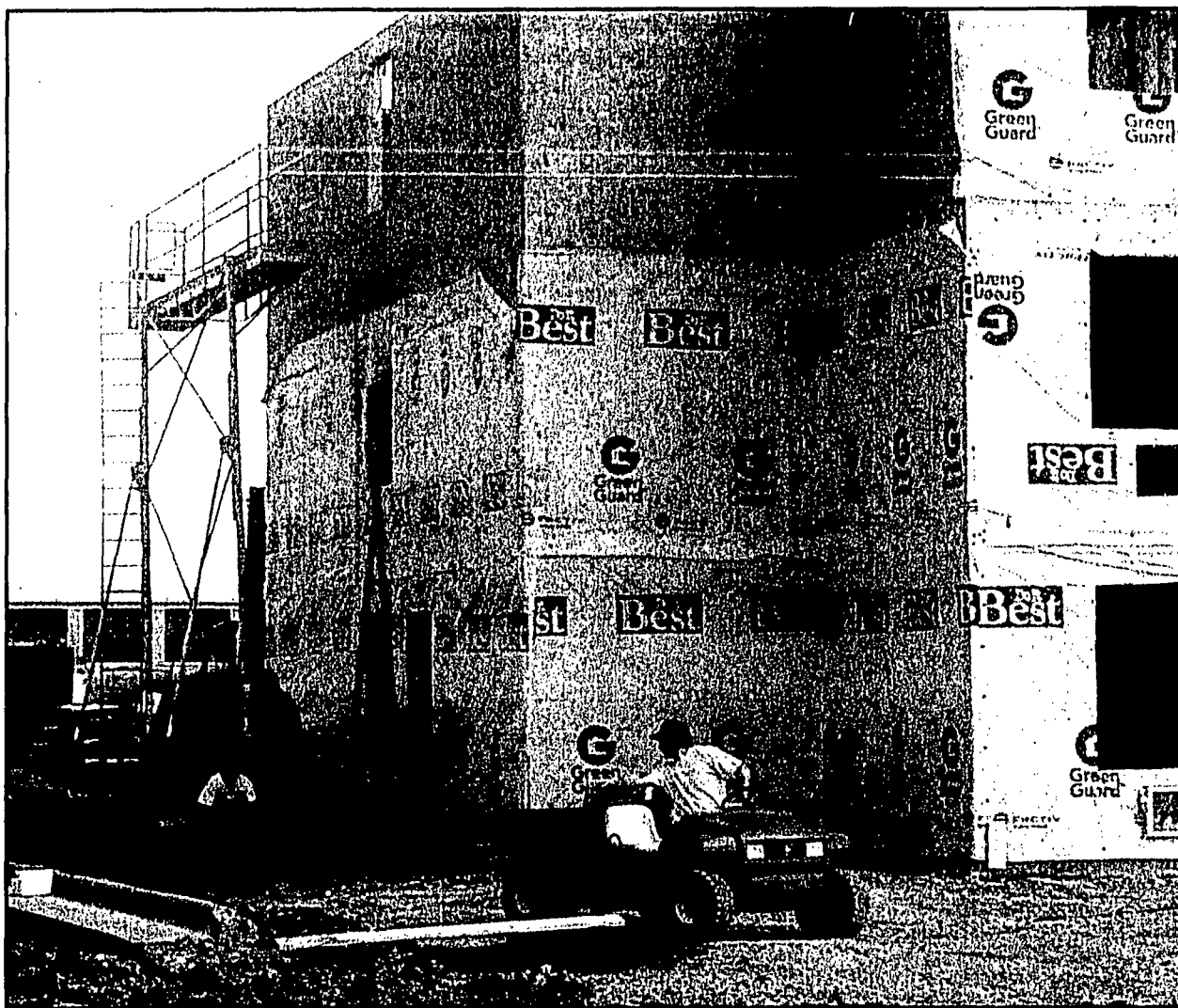
Maryville Chamber of Commerce, believes the new development is an opportunity to expand Maryville's ability in attracting future tourism events.

In the past, groups have called her for information about other towns and hotels that would be able to host their events. However, when the Holiday Inn opens she will now be able to direct that business to Maryville.

"The Chamber does get phone calls asking for the next closest town, the next available hotel because we are full during homecoming week and parent week," Luke said. "We are excited that we are able to possibly attract some more tourism events, because now we will be able to house them."

Besides expanding tourism attraction, Luke also sees this as an opportunity to bring other businesses to Maryville.

"I do think it helps anytime anybody sees for instance an Applebee's," Luke said. "A main franchise like that coming into the area does help attract other businesses."



Construction workers from BBI construction work on the outside of the new Holiday Inn Express Wednesday. The new hotel is slated for completion by December 15 and will contain 60 rooms, as well as meeting rooms.

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Maryville competes in Community Betterment competition

City may soon receive award for revitalization efforts, future projects after visit by state judges

By JARED HOFFMANN
CHIEF REPORTER

Extensive revitalization may soon be paying off for the city of Maryville.

The city presented a variety of the community betterment projects during a tour on Wednesday. Rep-

resentatives from community organizations gathered at Maryville Middle School to give a one-hour presentation of community projects.

Among the organizations present were the New Nodaway Humane Society, Maryville Citizens for Community Action, Maryville Revitalization Task Force and Habitat for Humanity.

The New Nodaway Humane Society presented its new-and-improved animal care facility. Habitat for Humanity expressed its excitement for a recent ground-breaking on a home. The MCCA brought forth its plans for the mu-

ral as well as many current and future downtown revitalization projects.

According to Missouri Community Betterment Organization, judges will evaluate community projects for the competition is based on visioning, assessment, goal setting, planning and execution of plans.

According to Dave McLaughlin, head of Maryville Citizens for Community Action, the town appears ready to match their expectations.

"Our plans do not gather dust," McLaughlin said. "This is a community that rolls up its sleeves and

goes to work."

Along with the community organizations, representatives from area schools also spoke to judges at the presentation. The Northwest Student Body was among those who presented.

Cornett touched on the relationship of the community to the campus and how they work closely together for the betterment of the community.

"Maryville has participated in the competition for many years," Cornett said. "Coming away as winners will really highlight all the hard work that many individuals throughout the commu-

nity, the university and throughout the school systems come together in a community people are proud to call their home."

Maryville is up against Ravenwood, Tri-County, Graham and Barnard. The communities are divided into classes based on population, with Maryville in class five and the other towns in class one. The winners of each class will then compete for a grand prize featuring a small monetary award. The winner of the competition will be announced later.

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Veterans speak out on presidential race, Iraq

Veteran George "Harold" Capps is among those that think highly of Kerry.

The Clinton, Mo. resident said that he supports both John Kerry and democratic vice-president nominee John Edwards "100 percent" and said that the large majority of the Clinton chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars believe Bush is untrustworthy and apathetic to the needs of veterans.

"You don't have to dig very deep to find out Mr. Bush isn't on the up and up," Capps said. "(Kerry and Edwards) have been good enough to come down and see us, and Mr. Bush hasn't done anything like that. Mr. Bush is not the best liked man I know around here."

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GEORGE "HAROLD" CAPPS
VETERAN

era stint in the Texas Air National Guard is also questionable.

"Neither candidate really has a leg to stand on as far as their military careers," Powell said.

New accusations against Bush have surfaced with a report by CBS News that Bush used his family's political clout to avoid being sent to Vietnam. Former Texas House Speaker and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said he recommended Bush to the National Guard before being eligible for the draft in an effort to win political allies.

Bush officials have adamantly denied that he used his family's contacts to be accepted into the National Guard. Bush himself also denied the claims.

The War in Iraq is also an issue of contention for vets. With no exit strategy in place and the mounting death toll of U.S. soldiers in Iraq,



A statue of a U.S. soldier in Vietnam looks out at the crowd at last weekend's Freedom Fest in Skidmore. Veterans from around the country gathered to honor America.

PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/EDITOR IN CHIEF

many have begun to draw parallels to the Vietnam War.

But with one clear difference—the support the current soldiers serving in Iraq have received compared to the decent American citizens levied on soldiers returning from Vietnam.

"The support the kids are getting now is a terrific thing," said Vietnam vet Frank Gage of Buffalo, N.Y. "It will make a major difference in their psychological responses when they come home. We went over there for God and country, we just didn't come

back that way. We ended up being there for one another."

Davis, who saved the lives of three wounded soldiers in Vietnam while receiving multiple gunshot and shrapnel wounds himself, said he thinks the war in Iraq was inevitable after the events of 9/11.

"I've visited with every president since Lyndon Johnson, including our current president," Davis said. "I believe (Bush) handled the situation well and with honor."

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Drought ends for Northwest Missouri

McQuinn said managing a farm is task more challenging than some may realize.

"You can spend about as much time as you want on it," McQuinn said. "You can do what you have to in order to get by or you can spend a lot of time to keep it healthy."

Arley Larson, Chair of the Northwest Agricultural Department, also knows the effects that a drought can have on community. According to Larson, the drought has its primary impact in three areas.

One, crops are damaged due to a lack of moisture in the ground. Two, livestock is hindered as a result of evaporated drinking ponds and dying grass - which cattle feed off of on a daily basis. Three, ground water resources, which also

evaporate over time because of rainfall.

According to the Missouri Natural Statistics Service, the average rainfall for 2001 was 40.46 inches, the past two years that averaged 22.29 inches in 2002 and slightly to 25.42 inches in 2003. Summer rainfalls should increase average.

McQuinn said that although drought can be potentially devastating to farm-life, the effects can be reversed with abundant showers.

"About the middle of May the rain really broke through," McQuinn said. "We got up to 20 inches in a three week period. We've bounced back."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Public Safety begins videotaping to sway bad behavior

Maryville Public Safety has begun videotaping outside of bars and large outdoor parties in an effort to discourage unruly behavior and to possibly help in the prosecution of criminal activity.

"A bulk of the residents don't have a clue what uptown looks like after 10 p.m.," said Public Safety Director Keith Wood. "It's not just 10 or 12 patrons

we're dealing with, sometimes it's a hundred and we have limited resources."

The department has done this in the past, but have increased videotaping in the past 30 days.

According to Wood, the department is seeking funding to equip their officers with in-car cameras. But until then, officers will use the hand-held cameras.

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Officials concerned over new animal shelter's financial need

RED HOFFMANN
REPORTER

Budget issues are becoming a greater concern for the New Nodaway Humane Society.

According to Board President Merla Findley, funds allocated by Maryville Nodaway County are no longer enough to keep up with the growing needs of the animal care facility.

The NNHS receives approximately \$100 a month from the city and \$100 a year from the county. According to Findley, the total cost of utilities is \$7,500 a month. Findley said she would like the county to lend more support in controlling the stray animal population outside city limits.

Half of our animals come from outside the city," Findley said. "I feel they want us to continue serving outside of city limits, then they should be more money."

Findley said the stray animal population is becoming a problem in many surrounding communities.

"I know a lot of the smaller towns have problems with too many dogs and Findley said. "They get into a situation where they don't know what to do with all the animals. We don't want to be just taking the stray animals

and dumping them."

Nodaway County Commissioner Lester Keith said while the county does give funding to the animal shelter, the health of its budget is not the county's direct concern.

"We have no control over their budget," Keith said. "We have asked them to give us documentation as far as the dogs that are picked-up outside the city of Maryville. If we had that information then we would consider it."

Keith also said towns throughout the county the NNHS serves could possibly help in supporting the animal shelter.

"As far as the towns are concerned, they are responsible for themselves," Keith said. "(NNHS) needs to contact those towns to see if maybe they would donate money to their budget also."

Maryville Mayor Mike Thompson said he feels the NNHS' growing need for space and state-of-the-art equipment is a growing concern in terms of budgeting.

"It's above and beyond what we can help them with," Thompson said. "The city budget is healthy, but with all the other projects going on we'd have to start stealing from Peter to pay Paul."

Thompson said the city and county need to work closely together to see the

NNHS succeed.

"For us to move forward we have to work together," Thompson said. "We are really excited about our relationship with the county and township, and are trying to find other resources for (NNHS)."

Findley said there is a growing list of expenses for the animal shelter including heating and cooling units, vaccinations, bathing supplies and food, among others.

"There are still things I would like to see the animals have," Findley said. "It all costs money."

The NNHS is currently at maximum capacity, housing 70 cats and 50 dogs from Maryville and other parts of Nodaway County. Findley said she is now relying heavily on volunteer work to keep the facility running.

A fund-raising effort is currently being conducted, in which individuals can purchase a brick for \$250 and have an "In Memory Of" message engraved on it. The collected bricks will then be used to construct a new sidewalk outside the animal shelter.

Findley and the NNHS are also attempting to increase the number of adopted animals to help free up space in the facility. Anyone interested in the NNHS or its animals may contact Findley at 562-3333.

Painting the town

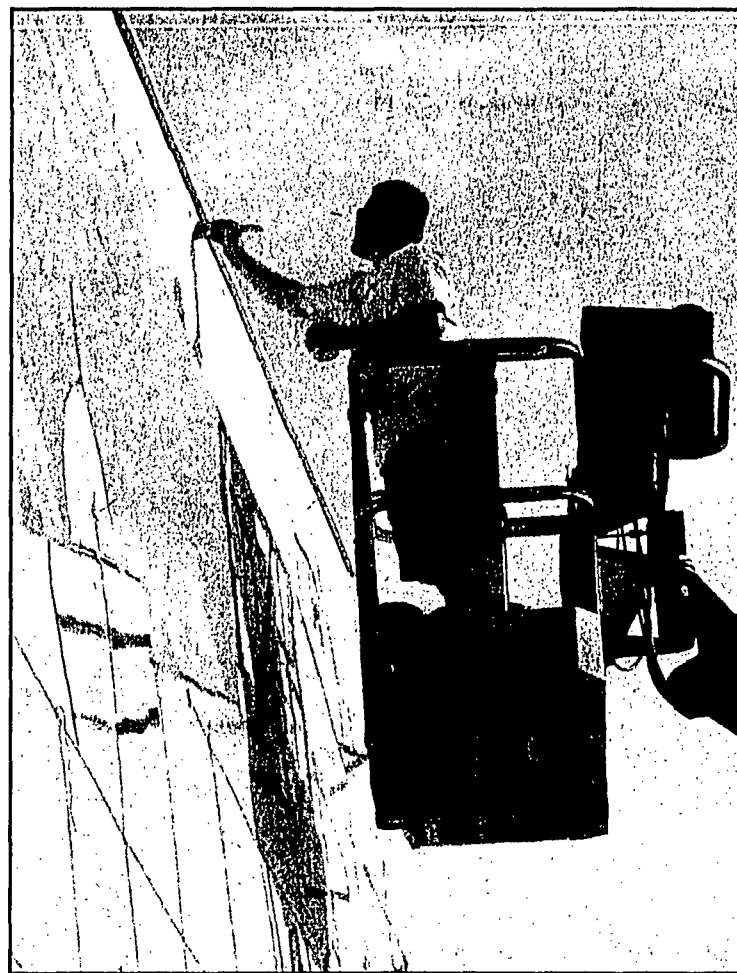


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Artist Kelly Poling works on the mural on the side of the H & R Block building on First and Main streets Tuesday. The mural project is slated for completion by the end of the month.

911 system upgrades underway

By ASHLEY BALLY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Maryville Public Safety has begun implementing Phase Two of a three phase project in efforts to improve response time.

Phase Two is designed to assist emergency personnel in locating 911 callers using wireless phones. Maryville Public Safety was recently awarded \$19,903 in grant funds from the Public Safety Foundation of America to kick off this project.

The grant funds will enable Maryville Public Safety to purchase equipment and hire any additional help needed to operate under this program.

The equipment will be purchased through Sprint to comply with what Maryville Public Safety already operates. They will also be hiring a consultant to work between Public Safety and the phone company to install the needed mapping equipment to pinpoint the coordinates of the wireless caller.

Once everything is installed, Maryville Public Safety will be able to pinpoint the caller on any type of wireless phone within a tenth of a mile based on the coordinate location.

"Locating 911 callers on wireless phones has not been much of a problem," said Public Safety Director Keith Wood. "However as the amount of wireless users increases it becomes necessary to have the equipment available to locate these callers in a time of emergency."

The Nodaway County Sheriff's Department has been equipped for Phase Two of the project for two years.

"Having this technology up and running has been a tremendous help," said 911 Supervisor Melissa Wallace. "We can track callers that hang up, and call them back or even go out to check on their condition. It is an added advantage to the safety of our public, and the mapping equipment is used everyday."

According to Wood, Phase Two is scheduled for completion by spring of 2005.

Missouri High Court hears challenge to school attendance law

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EFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The Missouri Supreme Court considered a challenge Wednesday to the constitutionality of a state law that holds parents criminally liable if their child misses school.

Andrea Self was convicted of a misdemeanor in October after her 15-year-old daughter missed 40 days of school at Caruthersville Accelerated School. She was sentenced to 60 days in the Pemiscot County jail,

which was suspended pending completion of two years of unsupervised probation.

Self contends Missouri's compulsory school attendance law is unconstitutional because it doesn't define "regular" attendance nor specify how many absences trigger criminal charges. She also contends the law is arbitrary, allowing each school district to set absence standards.

The law states the parents or guardians of a child between the ages of 7 and 16 "shall cause the child to at-

tend regularly" a public, private or home school and may face criminal charges for failing to do so.

Self's attorney, Garrett Anderson, argued that the law is vague and absences should be better defined.

Self's daughter missed 40 days over 102 school days.

"Surely you can't say that missing 40 days out of 102 is regular attendance," Judge Stephen Limbaugh Jr. said while Supreme Court questioned attorneys.

But Anderson replied that 23 of those days were excused absences, and

that the girl was pregnant at the time, a factor that contributed to her absences from school.

Supreme Court judges questioned why her pregnancy was not raised in the trial. Anderson said he agreed to the basic facts of the case at trial knowing he would appeal the law's constitutionality.

Meanwhile, Assistant Attorney General Shaun Mackelprang argued for the state that the law is not vague to reasonable people. He said spelling out a number of days before charges are possible in state law

would give parents and students a green light to skip school that many days without consequences, a point some of the judges noted as well made.

"The policy of the state is that all of our children ... will be in school for the entire school year," Mackelprang said.

Under the law, he acknowledged, even a single absence could be a basis for filing charges against a parent, but he said he doubted a judge or jury would find that evidence of irregular attendance.

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Northwest sophomore Casey Harlan browses the inventory at Wearhouse Exchange in Maryville. The store, owned by Brad Clark, buys and sells designer clothing and clothing under two years old for discounted prices. Harlan generally sells clothes to the store, and finds bargains of her own.

Exchange store offers bargains

By JAMIE SLATEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

College students can take advantage this fall and winter in buying, selling or trading their clothes.

Aside from shopping at department stores for name brand clothes, Wearhouse exchange offers an alternative to those wanting affordable clothing.

"What makes (Wearhouse Exchange) unique are the savings," manager Brad Clark said. "You can save 50 to 85 percent as compared to retail stores where you can save up to 50 percent."

Clark, who owns another clothing exchange store in Platte City, Mo. and says Wearhouse Exchange is the largest thrift warehouse in the nation. Standing at 1,200 square feet, the 13-year-old business sells and trades name brand clothes for men, women, and children of all sizes. Last fall, he opened the Maryville store because of his daughter Taylor.

"It's basically [Taylor's] business," Clark said. "I just work here."

Clark's daughter is a student here at Northwest and majors in Business Management.

Wearhouse Exchange takes designer or under two-year-old clothes.

Social Science major at Northwest Alex Oliver said he buys clothes there all the time.

"I'm wearing some of it right now," Oliver said.

First-time customer and Maryville resident, Roberta O'Connell said the prices and array of sizes really caught her eye. As Weight Watcher member, O'Connell said Wearhouse Exchange provides all sizes of clothes to people who have lost weight.

"I'm definitely coming back," O'Connell added.

Wearhouse Exchange donates clothes to churches and battered women's organizations, among others. Clark said they've even provided gift certificates to victims of house fires in Maryville.

"We're here to help the community," said Clark.

Personalcloset.com also provides chances to get a new look or selling your "non-wanted" clothes. Categories range from men, women and children clothes and personal items of all seasons.

Geography major at Northwest Zack Knowles said he buys shoes rather than clothes on-line.

"There's not much of a selection (for shoes) in Maryville," Knowles said. "They're usually cheaper on-line."

University to celebrate alumni

By DENNIS SHARKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Alumni Association will honor six alums tomorrow night at their annual awards banquet.

Winning an alumni award came as a pleasant surprise to one Maryville resident.

"I had no idea it was even in the works. They told me that I won, and I asked them what I won and they told me. I'm just thrilled," said Robert Knapp, this year's Honorary Alumni Award winner.

Knapp, a Maryville resident, received this award because of his service, his efforts in promoting the University and his love for it. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Bearcat Booster Club. Before retiring in 1989, Knapp owned a chiropractic practice for more than 40 years.

This year's Citation of Distinguished Alumni Award winner Richard Wiles did not expect to earn recognition for his exceptional professional and personal achievement in his career.

"It really surprised me, I never look for things like this to happen," said Wiles.

Wiles attended Northwest from 1939-1941. He worked at the Nodaway Valley Bank in Maryville where he helped students with their finances until retirement in 1986.

Frank "Chip" Strong is this year's Northwest Turret Alumni Service Award. This award acknowledges his significant contributions of time and talents. Strong currently serves on the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors. He also held a Board of Regents position for 11 years. As a 1973 graduate, he obtained his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and then joined his father's law firm of Strong & Strong.

This year's Young Alumni Award goes to Chris Gegg. The award will recognize him for his exceptional achievements in his career, public service, and volunteerism. So far in his career, he has earned two Emmy Awards and the Best News Award two consecutive years. Gegg graduated in 1995 and is currently an ex-

ecutive producer at WKRN-TV News 2 in Nashville. Gegg has worked at stations in Detroit and Tampa.

Russell Northrup receives the Distinguished Faculty Award. He recently retired as an assistant professor of marketing and management. This award honors him for his outstanding teaching, service or research. Other awards he has received include the Dean's Award for Service and the Tower Service Award.

The late Sterling Surrey is this year's Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award winner. This award recognizes his outstanding teaching, service, and research. Surrey came to Northwest in 1939 and served as chairman of the Department of Business from 1949-1961. Surrey will except the award on his half.

The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 8 p.m. A dance to the Northwest Band directed by Bill Richards will be the evening's entertainment.

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Students campaign for polling place in Student Union

"Part of getting people to vote is developing that habit of voting."

Another issue challenging Your Voice Your Choice is telling students who have moved since last spring that every time they move they must reregister to vote again.

Also the organization is trying to educate students that after 30 days of living in Maryville, they can register to vote in Nodaway County.

"It's a real issue trying to convince students to register here, when they think they'll go back home and vote," Hopkins said. "But most of them aren't actually going to make the effort to go home on a Tuesday."

She says many students will consider voting by absentee ballot. But Hopkins says they don't realize the amount of effort it takes to receive an absentee ballot.

"Once they actually look into it, they think it's not worth it," said.

Throughout the next couple months, Your Voice Your Choice plans to educate students through Web sites such as Declareyourself.com, Rockthevote.com, organizing debate watch discussions and contacting people by e-mail and phone to remind them to vote.

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Wage increase near for student employment

When the program is implemented, the supervisor will do an evaluation of the student's service.

If the student attends two training sessions throughout the year, and returns next year to the same department, a raise will be given, Throener said.

"Our intent is to give (students) some training and some experience in professional conduct, what it means to work and grow in an experience and learn

new things and responsibilities," she said. "And that doesn't necessarily mean that's specific to an area."

There are approximately 1,100 students currently working on campus. But according to Paula McLain, coordinator of student employment, that number could increase.

"I would say as we move down the road on this, and get closer to actually implementing it, it would increase the number of stu-

dents who desire to work on campus," McLain said.

While "Career Path" is still being presented to supervisors, Throener is hopeful students continue working on campus. "This is good for students cause they'll be able to see what they can make wage increase," she said. "Where before, it didn't know if they could... they be able to see that future."

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Unity-themed activities planned for annual ABC week

By SAM MUCHIRI
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Alliance of Black Collegians Week organizers will host Brothers and Sisters Circle tonight to discuss issues that affect African Americans on campus.

Males will separate from the females, and then each group will discuss sex in the media and how it affects African Americans. It begins at 7 p.m. in the student union Meeting Rooms C and D. Tonight's discussion is part of this year's ABC week.

Then Friday, bikinis and music will conclude ABC week. The pool party begins at 5 p.m. at the University's aquatic center and ends at 8 p.m. Students have the chance to attend the Kanye West and Usher concert in Kansas City by buying \$1 raffle tickets to win.

The aim of ABC week is to bring out everybody on campus and get to know each other.

"The purpose of ABC week is to give campus a taste of black students," Jesse Haynes, IIC minority affairs coordinator said. "It's more of

a show case to invite people to our meetings and do fun things and show people what the organization stands for."

This year, ABC used their week of activities for recruitment and team building.

"We want to make the freshmen and transfer students feel at home," said ABC president Jamie Tindall. "And to inform them about what the organization has to offer."

As the week comes to a close, Tindall says attendance at the events was sporadic and that, overall, people

enjoyed the week's activities.

ABC week focuses on uniting minorities together as a part of the University's diverse community.

"United we stand, divided we fall," Tindall said.

This week's events included a discussion of campus issues affecting students on Wednesday, a scavenger hunt for the freshmen on Tuesday, the regular 7 p.m. ABC meeting on Monday and a barbecue on Sunday to kick off the week.

Coming up on Oct. 9, ABC will host its annual Soul Food dinner.



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Freshman Shameka Robinson recites poetry at ABC's open mic night during ABC week. Robinson is on the social services chair within the organization.

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Enrollment jumps among internationals

STEPHANIE SUCKOW
STUDENT EDITOR

Maryville next to the Mediterranean Sea.

This location found in Turkey is just one of several sites the University is sending representatives to in order to attract more international students as they attempt to increase the University's numbers by 2005.

Currently the admission of international students is on the right track as this semester has the highest amount of students to date, with 191 on campus.

According to Sandi Cox, international admissions coordinator, this amount is a 57 percent increase in students since fall 2000. Although this amount falls short of the overall goal set by the university to recruit enough students to have 4.5 percent of international student enrollment by 2005.

"The 9/11 tragedy as well as continuing conflicts abroad have slowed down international travel," said Cox. "And recruitment of international students has become very competitive."

Despite these minor setbacks, Cox said she is especially pleased with the increasing numbers this semester because of the recent trend in declining numbers of international students at other universities.

Overall, the program being adhered to at Northwest has attracted students from four main countries: Japan, Korea, India and Turkey. This

fall China is also being represented for the first time in the last few years with two new students. Also, according to Cox, Northwest is currently putting extra effort into attracting students from Latin American countries.

"We try and work with countries who have a strong economy," said Cox. "And places with a market where there are families willing to recruit."

In order to attract students within these appropriate regions Northwest has established a plan that includes marketing in international publications, attending international recruitment fairs and making scholarships available.

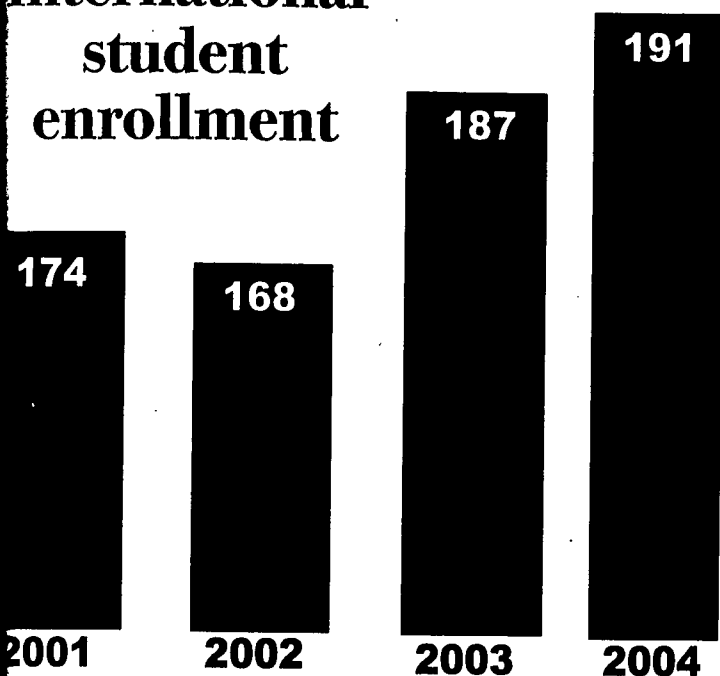
Those involved in implementing this plan include academic departments and colleges, the Intercultural International Center, the Office of Admissions and the English as a Second Language Department.

"The success we've had already has been through the efforts of all those involved," said Cox. "We've been working on it and continue to make it an emphasis."

"We try and work with countries who have a strong economy, and places with a market where there are families willing to recruit."

SANDI COX
INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR

Total international student enrollment



Sororities welcome new sisters



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Alpha Sigma Alpha Stephanie Trestler embraces one of her sorority sisters Monday at the end of Rush week. Bids were handed out to more than 100 girls.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lucido honored as top science educator

Dr. Patricia Lucido, professor of chemistry, will receive the 2004 Missouri Science Educator of the Year award from the Science Teachers of Missouri, the state chapter of the National Science Teachers Association.

The award is the highest honor a STOM member can receive.

Lucido has been invited to accept the award Friday, Oct. 8, at a STOM banquet in Columbia.

According to STOM President Lloyd H. Barrow, the award acknowledges Lucido's "long-term commitment to STOM and science education."

At the banquet, Lucido will receive a plaque citing her accomplishments on behalf of science education and a lifetime STOM membership.

South Pacific tour topic at travelers dinner

The KXCV/KRNW Travelers will hold a ham ball dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, in Wells Hall. Anyone who is currently a Traveler or interested in becoming one is invited.

Lance Clark will give an informational talk about the "South Pacific Wonders" tour planned for May 9 through May 23 to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Meat, drinks and service will be provided. First-timers do not need to bring food.

Parking is open on campus after 5 p.m. except for handicap and reserved spaces. The most convenient lot for those attending the dinner is the lot north of Wells Hall.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Gayle Hull at (660) 562-1163, or e-mail gthull@mail.nwmissouri.edu.

Research forum to review funding processes

There will be an open forum on faculty research, applied research and the projects fund application process from 3 to 4 p.m. and again from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the Shared Conference Room, Administration 253.

Any Northwest employee with a research idea for which local funding is needed is welcome to attend. A panel of Faculty Research Committee members will explain the application and funding process and give examples of previously funded projects.

This is a chance for individuals to informally present research ideas, discuss typical funding levels and learn about the differences between faculty research, applied research and projects.

The forum is co-sponsored by the Faculty Research Committee, Graduate Office and Grants Office. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call ext. 1145.

Northwest senior selected to play Carnegie Hall

Elisa Adkison of Platte City, Mo., a senior instrumental music education major at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, was selected to participate in the National Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Memorial Day weekend.

H. Robert Reynolds, a nationally recognized educator in the realm of wind ensembles, and a retired professor at the School of Music of the University of Michigan, conducted.

The purpose of the ensemble was to identify talented high school and college musicians from across the country and give them the opportunity to perform in a world-renowned venue under the baton of a noted conductor.

Student performers stayed in New York for a period of intensive rehearsals culminating in the final concert at Carnegie Hall.

Several hundred National Wind Ensemble applications are processed every year. The final roster encompassed 71 of the top high school and college players in the nation.

Political organization seeks campus support

TE GUTSCHENRITTER
STUDENT EDITOR

With the Nov. 2 general election approaching closer, one national organization targets arguably the overlooked demographic: college students.

Youth04, a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, has reached college campuses across the country since 2003 in hopes of getting politicians to notice the younger age demographic.

Since that time, they have 50 chapters. The goal is to increase the number to 200 chapters by

Oct. 1, according to Youth04 spokesperson Caitlin Noble.

While they have chapters at Columbia University in New York and University of California-Berkeley, Noble said she has struggled finding people interested in Missouri.

"Being a swing state, we wanted to get some chapters in Missouri," said Noble, who also serves as a chapter developer. "But I've had a difficult time getting any responses from anyone there."

Youth04 is a grass roots organization, Noble said, because they let the colleges and universities oper-

ate on their own once a chapter is established. The underlying goal for a chapter is to be heard, Noble said.

"The No. 1 thing is people need to be aware of college students," she said. "Just make sure (politicians) know you are there."

A chapter consists of a chapter leader and as few as 3-4 chapter volunteers, Noble said.

And while Youth04 is nonpartisan, chapters can be organized by other campus organizations. In some cases, there are two different chapters within a college or university.

Regardless of who chairs a par-

ticular chapter, Noble emphasized the importance to get involved on campus.

"We want to empower the youth and get involved," she said. "We want them to be more aware. Our founder, David Anderson, says being deaf to students is being deaf to the future, and we work with that mindset."

Youth04 works exclusively from its Web site, www.youth04.org. Students interested in starting a chapter can contact Noble at cnoble@gwu.edu.

Pete Gutschenritter can be contacted at 562-1224 or pgutschenritter@missourianonline.com

Employers cite need for improved writing skills

NEW YORK (AP)— It's not students who need to brush up on writing.

A majority of U.S. employers say that one-third of workers do not meet the writing requirements for positions, according to a survey by the College Board's National Commission on Writing.

Businesses are really crying out to have people who write well," said College Board President David Pearson.

While writing has always held a high American education as one of the three Rs, many say writing and accurately is more important than ever — and not all students are up to the task.

In a fast-paced workplace, precision and brevity are essential. For reports and presentations, the commission found that accu-

racy, clarity, spelling, punctuation, grammar and conciseness ranked among the most sought-after skills.

"There's no way to say that writing has gotten worse," said Susan Traiman, director of the education initiative for the Business Roundtable. Rather, "the demand has gotten greater."

The commission surveyed Business Roundtable members in six sectors — mining; construction; manufacturing; transportation and utilities; services; and finance, insurance and real estate.

Two-thirds of salaried workers in large U.S. companies have jobs that require some writing — and this includes some of the most technical occupations.

"Writing skills tend to be critical more on the salaried side of things, but even for our hourly

jobs, to be able to communicate shift to shift," said Thomas Siegle, a human resources manager for paint and glass maker PPG Industries Inc., based in Pittsburgh.

William Raney, president of the industry group West Virginia Coal Association, said writing skills are necessary for such varied groups as electricians, engineers and foremen, who often draft proposals for government agencies and regulatory bodies.

"There's a great need to translate the technical to the practical," Raney said.

A majority of survey respondents said about two-thirds of employees both current workers and new hires meet writing requirements.

While lackluster writing skills do not necessarily impede success

in all realms, more than half of the companies surveyed reported that they assess writing in hiring and promoting salaried employees.

The College Board, which administers the SAT, PSAT and Advanced Placement tests, says the responsibility lies with grade schools and universities but training represents another potential solution.

"You're never too old to learn," said Bob Kerrey, co-chair of the writing commission and president of the New School University in New York City. "It's a skill that is acquirable."

The survey was mailed to 120 resource directors in corporations affiliated with the Business Roundtable.

Sixty-four companies, or 53.3 percent, responded, representing nearly 4 million employees.

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Blast from the past

In the spirit of the '50s and '60s, more and more mothers are abandoning briefcases and staying home full-time

After years of feeding, bathing and entertaining seven babies, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Jean Merrill no longer feels retired.

Although her children are now in school or out of the house, the Maryville resident fondly remembers days past of being a stay-at-home mom. The house may be empty during the school day, but that doesn't mean her role has ceased. Her routine has just been tweaked a bit.

Hours of her day are still filled with cooking and cleaning, but in addition, Merrill gets three of her remaining children off to school and takes online classes through Northwest and a community college in Colorado in pursuit of a career in teaching.

Because her husband Dave works as a criminal investigator for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and his inconsistent work schedule does not allow him to be home at definite times, Merrill intends on only partially entering the work force, upon completing her degree.

"I don't have plans to be a full-time teacher," Merrill said. "All of our children are very involved in extra-curriculars and athletics and I don't want my kids to come home to an empty house."

Both raised by stay-at-home mothers themselves, the Merrills came to the agreement that it was best to carry on that tradition with their own children, ages 25, 24, 22, 19, 14, 13, and 6.

"There's a lot of give and take in a family where a mother works, whether it be a clean house or her sanity," Merrill said. "I think by my staying home I have given my kids an extra level of stability."

"For me, I could not bear to have a child and six weeks later leave that child and go back to work," she continued. "It would tear me apart."

Changing Times?

At one point, staying home was the only way of life for mothers. When Merrill was growing up, there was only one family on her block that had a working mother. In preceding years, it seemed that stay-at-home moms were almost extinct, but the trend is on the rise again. The U.S. Census Bureau Reports that currently there are 5.2 million stay-at-home moms, with more and more making the transition everyday. In the last ten years, the number of children being raised by stay-at-home moms to 10.6 million.

Merrill always felt that kids needed to be raised by their mothers. It's what she grew up with; it's all she's ever known. But she has a different reason she thinks the trend of being a stay-at-home mom growing.

"I think a lot of it goes along with the old adage: I am not going to do what my mother did to me," Merrill said. "So women are beginning to want to make up for what they lacked in their child hoods by staying home with their own kids."

Danielle, Merrill's 22-year-old daughter, wouldn't have traded her mom being home for anything growing up. She plans on carrying on the tradition when she has kids.

"I think it helped me out a lot," said Danielle, a recent Northwest graduate. "She was always at home so we didn't have to worry about coming home to an empty house. I would say we are closer to her than what some other people are to their mom's because of it."

Financially, the Merrills have their burdens just like any other family.

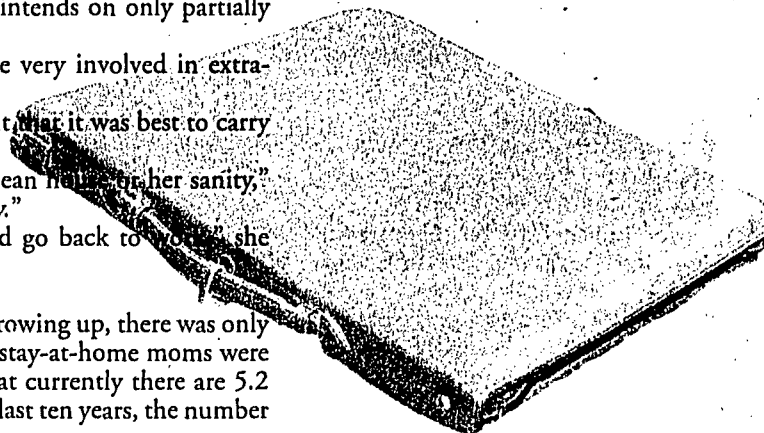
"Without having a degree all those years, most likely a job I would get wouldn't be that high paying," Merrill said with a chuckle. "After you take into account the of day care, transportation and the different type of wardrobe I would need, I really wouldn't be generating enough extra income to justify leaving the home."

A Balancing Act

A colorful finger painting is strewn upon a desk, while a Little Tykes science lab sits high upon a bookshelf in her office. Both serve as distinctive reminders that a woman can also be a professional by day and a mommy by night.

With a smile on her face, Renee Rohs, assistant professor of Geoscience at Northwest, affirms that she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's the best of both worlds," Rohs said cheerfully. "You have children that look up to you, which is so rewarding. At the same time, at work I get to discuss ideas and spend time with my colleagues. I think it would be difficult for me to be at home all the time because I crave that interaction."



Just because she is not always home with her children, that's not to say she doesn't keep busy or involved. After helping her husband Fred prepare breakfast for her two children, Finnegan, 11 months, and Lillian, 3, and rushing Lillian off to preschool at Horace Mann, she still has classes to teach, research to do and meetings to attend.

But Roh's situation is unique. She doesn't worry about day care or whether her children are seeing their parents as much as what they should, like a typical working mother would.

Her husband is a stay-at-home dad.

"We agreed that since I had the job at the University and Fred was an artist and could work at home, he would stay home with the kids," Rohs said. "He takes care of getting himself and the kids lunch and taking care of the kids and when we get home we split up the rest of the responsibilities. The only job I won't do is mow the lawn and the only job he won't do is cleaning the bathrooms, so it just works out."

Fred doesn't seem to mind that his days are spent at home.

"By staying home, with the kids I get to spend extra time getting to know them," Fred said. "From a parental point of view, there are no drawbacks to staying at home. On a personal level you don't have a time out to get to do what you want to do. But it's just a decision that you make."

Famous stay-at-home moms

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Carol Brady

"The Brady Bunch"

Although she chooses to be a stay-at-home mom, she is anything but a housewife. She is a free-lance writer, a sculptor, political activist and singer. She also organizes plays and PTA events while keeping dinner on the table and completing needlepoint projects.

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Xavier Omon pulls away from a Central Missouri defender during Saturday night's victory. Omon racked up 221 yards on the ground as the 'Cats won 38-20.

Respond to first deficit Season with comeback

Bearcats trailed for the first time since November. Northwest was behind in the third quarter. Wells fumble led to a 12-0 lead by CMSU's Lee. The only last four minutes. Running back Xavier the Bearcats, the lead for

good on his eight-yard touchdown, two drives later. The team never looked back. They scored 24 of the game's final 27 points.

The last time they did not have a lead in the game was a home last year against visiting Southwest Baptist. Northwest trailed 17-14 in the game with 13:55 left in the fourth quarter. The Bearcats overcame the deficit and

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Senior Morris White celebrates with the crowd after the Northwest victory.



PHOTOS BY EMILY JACKSON/ CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beth Gutschentritter makes a play on the ball during Friday's win against a. The win was the first for the Bearcats on the season.

AD PICKS UP FIRST MIAA ORY, DROPS OT MATCH

PHOTO
REPORTER

81st, heart-pounding freshman Margaret turns and places a cross sophomore, Beth. Without pausing, Gutschentritter finishes the game-against Missouri Northwest their first season.

ats hosted their season against University of Mis- Friday, Sept. 10th, al score of 2-1. Scoring st time this season was e Jamie Campbell off of ist from Gutschentritter ner, 20 minutes into the

nd Marty Trummer had ssists against Rolla; she e smart balls to Beth, Coach Tracy Cross.

"Marty pretty much has the best work rate of the team, and it shows on the field."

Putting the win behind them, the girls had to remain focused for Northern State (S.D.) on Sunday. Starting the game off, Gutschentritter finished one in at the 27th minute off of Trummer's assist, but prior to the half, Northern State brought the game to a 1-1 tie.

The 'Cats lost 2-1 in overtime at the 95:35 mark, by a misjudged ball from Northern State's Melissa Gamble. Despite the loss, Cross commends the team's effort.

"The girls never give up," Cross said. "We continue to outshoot our opponents, and the work rate is exceptional."

Overall, Cross said the back line, controlled by freshman Amy

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Captain questions Tigers' drive to succeed Ryder Cup

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Tiger Woods has been chasing Jack Nicklaus in golf record books since he was a kid. When it comes to the Ryder Cup, though, Tiger doesn't mean Jack.

Woods has won more PGA Tour events than Nicklaus at this stage in his career, and his eight majors put him on pace to break Nicklaus' all-time record.

Now, U.S. captain Hal Sutton wants him to bring that same purpose to the Ryder Cup.

"Nobody has to give Tiger Woods a pep talk," Sutton said Tuesday after the first day of practice at Oakland Hills.

"All we have to do is just say, 'Hey, Tiger, it's time you felt this is important. I want you to realize that this is going to be an area that guys are going to judge you by down the road, whether you like it or dislike it. You're the one who chose to be as great as you are. Let's give it all you've got and lead this team.'"

Woods can only contribute five points to the 14 1/2 points the United States needs to win back the Ryder Cup, but his record has hardly been an inspiration.

He is 5-8-2 in his three Ryder Cup matches.

He has been shut out on the first day the last two times, allowing Europe to seize early control.

He comes into this one no longer No. 1 in the world, his five-year reign atop the world ranking uprooted by Vijay Singh two weeks ago outside Boston.

Even so, he is the star of the American team, and in that regard, his captain's urging is new to Woods.

"It's not any different than the rest of the captains have said," Woods said. "I qualified No. 1 in points every time. All I know is that I've tried my best. Unfortunately, I just haven't gotten more points for our team. Hopefully, I'll be able to get more points for our team where we can win this thing."

Nicklaus (for those keeping score, his record was 17-8-3) played in a different era of the Ryder Cup, a time when the

Americans only had to show up to claim the gold trophy.

The United States was 5-0-1 in Nicklaus' six Ryder Cups, only one of which came after continental players were added to the European team to make it more competitive. The first one was the famous tie, when he graciously conceded Tony Jacklin a short par putt on the final hole of the final match. In the other five matches, the Americans won by at least five points, a margin that now would be considered a blowout.

Europe has captured the cup six of the last nine times, so it's no surprise that Phil Mickelson (8-5-3) and David Toms (3-1-1) are the only U.S. players with a winning record.

Sutton doesn't believe he has anything to worry about.

He looked like a college football coach during the Tuesday practice round — the square jaw, the sunglasses, arms folded across his paunch as he watched Woods hit a wedge that spun back over the cup on the 11th green.

Someone mentioned that Woods was in a slump, having won only one time this year and losing the No. 1 ranking for the first time in five years.

"Oh, man, I was out there watching him play. I don't know if you've been out there, but I've been licking my chops over it," Sutton said. "I don't think he's in any sort of a slump right now. I aspire to be in his slumps."

"No, no, don't be worried about Tiger Woods. If that's your only worry, you have no worries."

Europe wasn't buying into it, either.

"His record has not been as good as he would like," Harrington said. "He's out to prove something. There's definitely going to be a backlash from Tiger at some Ryder Cup. It's going to happen. I would think it's more of a wounded Tiger at the moment, and it would be very dangerous to play against him."

"He's going to have something to prove, and I would see him as quite intimidating."

NATION'S TOP PASSING SQUAD TO FACE OFF AGAINST BEARCATS

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

It's probably a good thing statistics don't have any bearing on how football games turn out.

The University of Missouri-Rolla enters Saturday's game against the Bearcats as the top passing team in the nation, throwing for 374 yards per game.

It would seem with such inflated numbers, the Bearcats might be in trouble when they run into the Miners.

Don't hold your breath.

The Bearcats (3-0) face off against Missouri-Rolla (2-1) in a game that could turn out to be more of a blowout than it looks on paper.

Rolla, who hasn't won an MIAA game in five years, brings all the offensive firepower of a contender. But as for defense things don't look quite so good.

Still, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma stressed the importance of his team not looking past anyone.

"We can't let these guys have a letdown from last week," he said. "We just won't let them. It is too early in the season to not look at any game as a big game."

On offense, the Miners are led by quarterback Brandon Landry, a transfer from the University of Kentucky.

"From what I've seen of him, I'm pretty impressed," Tjeerdsma said. "He seems to move really well, plus he has to be doing something right if they are leading the nation in passing."

Landry has one major target that seems to be drawing the attention of the Bearcats and NFL scouts.

Tight end Cole Drussa was named to the All-American second team last season. As far as defense goes, the 6-foot-2-inch 230 lb. senior isn't Tjeerdsma's only concern.

"I don't think you can really just focus on one player," he said. "If you do that, it is pretty dangerous."

For all the good things Rolla has on offense, they have just the opposite on defense.

Last week against Missouri Southern they allowed 594 total yards. Missouri Southern did not even gain that many yards in their season opening win against NAIA opponent Bacone from Oklahoma.

A game against a defense like Rolla could give Northwest an opportunity to show both sides of their offense.

"I think last weekend was really important for us," Tjeerdsma said. "We have to go out and prove to ourselves and to the other teams that our running game isn't a fluke. Our goal is to be a balanced team."

If players like running back Please see "Rolla" on 2B

Penalties plague Maryville in loss

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It looked like the jinx would be lifted and Maryville would finally beat Chillicothe. But then it happened.

Thanks to a series of penalties and special teams mishaps, on Maryville's behalf, the Hornets Chillicothe pulled off another victory, 7-6, on Friday night.

With a 6-0 lead late into the third quarter, Maryville looked to punt the ball away.

Special teams had been a concern all night. Maryville had their extra point blocked on a first-half touchdown and punter Jake Mattson had been barely getting his punts off all night.

Then Chillicothe finally broke through. In the break they needed, sophomore Austin Sloan put a hand on the ball and blocked Mattson's punt. The ball trickled out of bounds inside the 'Hounds 20-yard line. Three plays later, Clint Macoubrie scored on a one-yard run. Chillicothe

added on the extra point to give them the 7-6 lead.

Maryville was never the same after that. With the momentum having shifted to Chillicothe, Maryville was called for five penalties on their next drive.

"I thought we had those things taken care of, obviously, I was wrong," head coach Paul Miller said. "Obviously, I have not spent enough time on that and I'll take full responsibility of it."

Maryville tried to put something together with time winding down in the fourth, but consecutive penalties eventually put the 'Hounds back to fourth and 37. Quarterback Josh Wilmes' pass would be broken up, and the 'Hounds would turn the ball over on downs to end the game.

"I don't want to take anything away from Chillicothe or Coach (Phil) Willard because they're a very good football team," Miller said. "(Chillicothe) battled, they stayed in the game. They got it done when

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Scott put in second group; will make debut next Tuesday

Northwest graduate Whitney Scott is participating in ESPN's Dream Job 2. Each week the Missourian will look back and see how she performed on Tuesday night's show. Scott is competing for a one-year contract with ESPN.

Well, it wasn't extremely difficult for Whitney Scott to make it to the second week of tapings on ESPN's dream job.

The 12 contestants were divided into two groups of six and Scott was placed in the second group to com-

pete. By being in the second half, she will have her first chance at stardom on Tuesday Sept. 21.

This is the second season of Dream Job for ESPN. Mike Hall, a graduate from the University of Missouri-Columbia, won the first competition. He currently is an anchor for Sportscenter Express.

To see more on Whitney Scott including an interview with her, check out the Missourian's website, www.missourianonline.com

Women's team finishes 4th at MSU meet; Spader places 8th

LIE McDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After spending nearly a month training for their first meet of the season, the Northwest women's country team took part in the Mule Run on the campus of Central Missouri State University. A total of ten schools competed in the two-and-a-half mile race. Northwest finished fourth with one runner finishing in the top 10. Newcomer Karah Spader of Lincoln, Neb., finished eighth in her college meet with a time of 16:40.

Karah had a good opening college meet," coach Scott Lorek

Sophomore Dia McKee was the second place finisher for the Bearcats in a time of 16:25.10.

"Dia has made improvements and shows she is better now than she was a year ago at this time," Lorek said.

Other finishers last Friday included Ashley Grosse, Julie Toeppen, Heather Brokaw, Emily Von Weihe, Jessica Montesano, Kim Homan and Kara Poehlman.

"I am very happy with the start we had," Lorek said.

Lorek, also emphasized the importance of heading in the right direction this season.

The women head to Lincoln, Neb. Sept. 18 for the Woody Greeno/UNL Invite.

Cats take 5th at Mule Run; Lincoln next on team's schedule

LY BURNS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Coach Richard Alsup has a positive outlook for the Bearcat men's country team after last Friday's performance at Central Missouri Mule Run.

"We didn't go out hard, we didn't go easy. We'll have five, six, or seven kids that can break a team like that up," Alsup said.

The Northwest men finished fifth at the Mule Run.

The Bearcats finished within 22 seconds of each other. Freshman Jarod Wall led the pack with a time of 21:04, placing 17th in the race. Central Missouri State took first place with a time of 19:20.

The Bearcats head to Lincoln, Neb. Saturday for the Woody Greeno/UNL Invite.

Alsup expects 25 teams, including two or four Division I teams, to compete in Lincoln.

"We must keep stepping it up a little

bit," Alsup said. "It's a progression."

Dart adjusted well to the college level in his first meet.

"It was a longer distance and the pace went out a lot quicker," Dart said. "I surprised myself with my finish."

Dart believes the Bearcats will rely on a team effort throughout the season.

"We're all so young and so far we've had good camaraderie," Dart said. "We work hard in practice and have a good work ethic."

Bryan Touney, Matt Pohren, Drew Wilson, and Stephen Pool finished close behind Dart.

Top Five Finishers

1. Brandon Dart (17)	21:04.80
2. Bryan Touney (20)	21:09.20
3. Matt Pohren (26)	21:13.10
4. Drew Wilson (27)	21:24.00
5. Stephen Pool (29)	21:26.80

Parentheses indicate how the runners placed in the "Mule Run."



PHOTO BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior captain Kristi Potee prepares to make a move on a Missouri-Rolla defender during the Bearcats' 2-1 victory Friday, Sept. 10. The Bearcats dropped their next game 2-1 on Sunday.

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Standout sophomore Gutschenritter scores twice during Bearcats' split

Jackson, looked very impressive. Jackson joins Gutschenritter to lead the 'Cats this season.

"It's exciting to be younger and a leader, this way everyone sees me on two levels," Jackson said. "I can be trusted as a leader and I can also relate to a lot of girls. Hopefully, I will do a good job."

The girls were off to a rough start this year, plagued by numerous injuries which would only get worse.

"We've had our trainer, Jeff Snow, working hard," Cross said. "He's getting the girls back on the field and to

their potential."

Three of the 'Cats five freshman recruits, Sarah Hobson, Krista Obley and Erica Sunde, were out of preseason because of a pulled groin, hurt ankle and torn ACL respectively.

Despite the unsettling overtime loss, the 'Cats still have more than half the season left to progress.

"I believe the girls played well this weekend. They worked hard for themselves and for each other," Cross said.

"We have a lot to improve on, especially with the amount of freshmen, so we can avoid little errors."

Spikers dodge hurricanes, go 3-1 in West Florida

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Unrelenting hurricanes could not deter the Bearcat volleyball team from winning three of four games at the West Florida tournament last weekend.

The 'Cats made the journey to Florida in the calm between the storms and only lost their first match to host team West Florida (26-30, 30-28, 27-30, 30-22, 13-15).

"We were disappointed losing the first match in five (games)," head coach Lori Slight said. "We made some changes between games two and three and three and four because of some tendencies we had seen. The last point was tough, we had just talked about it in a timeout and we kind of jinxed ourselves."

The loss to the Argonauts lit a spark in the 'Cats, who won their next three matches and only allowed their opponents to win a single game while posting two shutout victories.

"I'm still very pleased, because West Florida is a very good team," Slight said. "Coming in, I think people think a lot of us, but they underestimate us a little bit and when we play well they have to kick it up."

After West Florida, the 'Cats faced the Sugar Bears of Central Arkansas and dropped the second game before finishing the Bears off in four games (30-27, 21-30, 30-28, 30-26).

The Bearcats then went on to improve their overall record to 8-6 by winning six straight games, easily beating the Lady Tigers from Ouachita Baptist (30-28, 30-13, 30-14) and the Lady Muleriders from Southern Arkansas (30-25, 30-26, 30-22).

Freshman Lauren Cummings lead the way with nearly 40 points in the final three match-ups followed closely by senior leader,

Steph Suntken who had 39.

"I really don't think about it, I just go out to do the best I can everyday," Cummings said. "It's definitely all about the passing and setting. I can't hit a good ball unless I get a good pass and a good set."

According to Slight, the team is finally coming together. Players agree.

"There is a lot of talent out there," Suntken said. "Anybody on the team can be a starter every night, so that shows a lot for the team as a whole."

Communication, along with unity and confidence, also plays a bit part in keeping errors from counting against a team in a game, players say. Without strong communication, disaster is awaiting at every ball that crosses the net.

"I am always a very vocal person on the court, even in practice," Trowbridge said. "I am always talking out there and I have to keep it up so we have something to look forward to."

Conference play begins at Emporia State and the 'Cats feel that their current three-game winning streak will give them an advantage over the Hornets.

"The West Florida tournament was good for us because we saw some teams that we don't normally see across the country," Suntken said. "We also got to see some MIAA teams and that helps get a feel for the team before conference starts."

The 'Cats have a daunting task ahead of them as they get into conference play. The four top teams in the MIAA are ranked in the Top 25 in the nation for Division II volleyball.

The Bearcats face off against Washburn at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Bearcat Arena and then host Central Missouri State at noon on Saturday.

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Xavier ran for 221 yards on 25 carries. He picked up two touchdowns in the game, also. It was the first time since 1999 that Northwest had a 200-yard rusher.

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Tollefson led the team with seven tackles. He also forced a fumble and had a sack in Northwest's victory at the Mule Run.



Tollefson

Beth scored twice over the weekend. She scored the game-winning goal against Rolla on Friday.



Gutschenritter

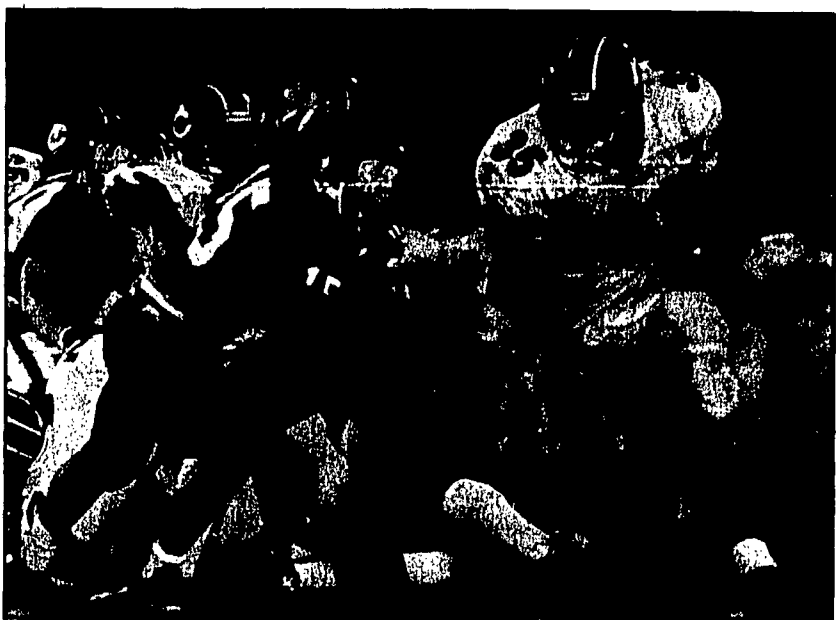
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Senior Myles Burnside goes in for a tackle against Chillicothe on Friday night. Maryville dropped the game 7-6 after having a punt blocked deep in their own territory.

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Momentum, game slip away from 'Hounds in home opening loss to rival Chillicothe

they had to get it done and they won the ballgame and there's no doubt about that. But we gave it to them."

The Spoofhounds' lone score came in the first half. On third down senior Ryan Schleusner hit Hornets' quarterback Trent Figg and knocked the ball loose. Senior Keith Starr picked up the fumble and ran to Chillicothe's 35-yard line before being tackled. On the next play, Wilmes connected with wide receiver Syd Brisbane for a touchdown.

The Hornets were held to just 123 yards on the ground and 149 yards overall.

"Our defense played outstanding," Miller said. "Coach (Brian) Lohaffer and the defense played a wonderful, wonderful game. One of the best efforts I've ever seen the defense play. They deserved to win this game."

Maryville has a bye week this upcoming weekend and will face California at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, in Excelsior Springs.

Smithville Warriors rout struggling Spoofhounds

By BRENDEN KELLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound soccer team is trying to claw its way back to the top after a tough start to the season.

The 'Hounds dropped three games this last weekend in the Excelsior Springs tournament, with losses coming against Kearney (4-1), Lafayette (3-0), and Excelsior Springs (9-1).

The 'Hounds traveled to Smithville on Tuesday night looking to turn things around, but Smithville gained control of the game early and never looked back, walking away with a 8-0 victory, and bringing the 'Hounds record to 0-8.

"It was a tough loss to Smithville," senior defender and captain Brian Donnelly said. "You always hate to get shut out."

With conference play starting in less than two weeks, the 'Hounds are looking to quickly turn things around.

"We're struggling right now, but I think once we get some wins our confidence and overall play will improve," Donnelly said.

The 'Hounds will be doing a lot of traveling, with only six home games on their schedule this year.

"Playing on the road a lot puts you at a little of a disadvantage," Donnelly said. "It wears you down quicker, but we should still be playing better than we are."

Despite the way things have started the 'Hounds are not panicking. The team feels that they know what they need to work on.

"We just need to work on knowing where people are on the field and playing as a team," Donnelly said.

Spoofhound soccer is still a fairly young program when compared to the teams they compete against. Boys' soccer has only been a sport at Maryville for five years and there are still some pieces of the program that need to be plugged in both on the field and in the stands.

"Some of the other schools that we play against are in the weight room and playing the game year round," Donnelly said. "We're not really noticed here in Maryville and most of the fans in the stands are our parents or our friends."

The 'Hounds are lucky in that they haven't been bitten by the injury bug this year, but earlier this week senior Dustin Henggler suffered a dislocated wrist and is expected to be out for at least two weeks.

High school sports change constantly as seniors head out every year to make way for a group of younger players.

"Soccer has been a big part of my life," Donnelly said. "One thing that I have learned from soccer is that it takes more than a couple of people to build a program, it takes hard work from all the players and support from the community."



PHOTO BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Molly Howell places the ball across the net against Benton on Tuesday night. Spoofhounds won the match in straight sets. However, they lost to Platte County on Wednesday.

SPOOFHOUNDS PICK UP FIRST HOME WIN

By MEGAN CRAWFORD
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Spoofhound volleyball team brought in their first win on the home court, against Benton Tuesday night.

Maryville started out the first game with a fast pace, but towards the end of the second game they started to slow down as a team. Their pace then carried throughout the game.

"Sometimes the team plays down to the level of the competition," Coach Heather Stoecklin said. "They play up to the competition and they play down to the competition. I think the girls just need to play their own game."

Senior Mallary Herring felt that Tuesday's game, while a win, could have been played a lot better.

"We played well, but it was sort of an off night, the momentum of the game wasn't on our side tonight," Herring said.

Junior Kim Wolfer agreed that the team changed their playing level to match the other team.

"We could have played better, we played at their level," Wolfer said.

To start out the first game, the 'Hounds got ahead by scoring a few good aces and matching Benton, hit for hit and block for block. The atmosphere of the night was a little slow.

The fact that the girls just came off of the second weekend tournament in a row and that they were a little tired finally started to show.

"It's good that the team cannot play their best and still manage to win," Stoecklin said. "The girls were still tired from the weekend tournament."

The 'Hounds have struggled the last week but are still looking to bring home the wins.

"We are a team," Stoecklin said. "All of the girls get along the game. They are in it together and the love of the game."

For most of the second game, Maryville was behind on the scoreboard. When they got ahead, they managed to hold on enough to win. The score of the second game was 25-20.

Last Thursday, the team played Platte County in a home game and lost.

"I think that we built this team, such a big team, because in the past, that we just didn't know what to do," Stoecklin said. "We didn't play as well as we could have."

Owners vote to lockout

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Hockey League will lock out its players Thursday, threatening to keep the sport off the ice for the entire 2004-05 season.

The long-expected decision was approved unanimously Wednesday by NHL owners, who are demanding cost certainty, which players say would be tantamount to a salary cap.

Commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly belittled the union's bargaining position during a news conference to announce the lockout, talked about the possibility the confrontation would extend into the 2005-06 season and said the stoppage makes it less likely the NHL will participate in the 2006 Olympics.

He made clear that this entire season could be sacrificed and said play could not extend into July.

"If there's enough time to play some games, we'll do it," he said. "If not, we won't."

The sides have not met since a bargaining session last Thursday ended with the parties far apart, and there is almost no chance the season will start as scheduled on Oct. 13. Bettman told teams to release their arenas for other events for the next 30 days.

"Unfortunately, the league has rejected all opportunities for compromise, while stubbornly insisting that Gary Bettman has the single solution to every problem — a salary cap," union head Bob Goodenow said. "An honest partnership can never be achieved under the leagues' my-way-or-the-highway approach. ... Gary and the owners have chosen, through a lockout, to try to force players to accept a system they know players would never agree to."

Bettman said the league's proposals would lower the average player salary from \$1.8 million to \$1.3 million and said past losses gave owners no other choice. He also made clear that declaring an impasse

under U.S. labor law and imposing new work rules unilaterally was an option, but said it has not yet been considered.

"I think it's probably fair to say we're at an impasse right now," he said.

Owners have contributed \$300 million to a league fund to help get them through a lockout, and the union has retained licensing money to help its members. Bettman said about 20 teams would lose less money during a lockout than they would if play continued.

"The present system doesn't work for us," said Jim Rutherford, the president and general manager of the Carolina Hurricanes. "We need a new system. We're all frustrated by it."

Players vow to resist a salary cap and, with the positions entrenched, a long stoppage is likely, one that could wipe out the Stanley Cup final for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due to a Spanish influenza epidemic.

"It is a sad day for all of us," Montreal owner George Gillett said. "We're trying to do this to make sure there is competitive balance for the Montreal Canadiens."

The 30 teams 24 in the United States and six in Canada had been set to start opening training camps on Thursday, the day after the expiration of the current labor contract. The deal was first agreed to in 1995 and extended two years later through Sept. 15, 2004. Bettman termed the extension "a mistake, in hindsight."

Some players are expected to sign with European leagues, and others could join a six-team, four-on-four circuit called the Original Stars Hockey League, which is set to start play Friday in Barrie, Ontario. Others could go to a revived World Hockey Association, which plans to open Oct. 29 with eight teams playing 76 games apiece.

ESPN deal close for squad

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — ESPN is finalizing a deal to televise a high school basketball game between the defending state champions in Indiana and Missouri and two of the nation's most highly touted prep stars.

The game would be on Dec. 9 between Lawrence North, last season's Class 4A champion in Indiana, and Poplar Bluff, the Class 5 winner in Missouri, and would be shown on the ESPN2 cable network from Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"We just think it'll be a fun experience," Lawrence North coach Jack

Keefe said Wednesday. "We're just trying to get a contract. We're trying to work through the process. I would think it would happen."

Lawrence North, led by 7-foot center Greg Oden, was 29-2 last season and won its first state championship since 1989, when another 7-footer, Eric Montross, was the star player for the Wildcats. A junior this year, Oden already is projected as a possible NBA draft lottery pick in 2006.

Poplar Bluff is led by 6-9 senior Tyler Hansbrough, a North Carolina recruit who averaged 26.5 points and 11.4 rebounds last season.

'Hounds drop Tu game to Hornet

Few people can count on Maryville softball coach Blackney about who had the weekend. Her Spoofhound team dropped its first game of the tournament, scoring a combined 40 runs to the opponents 40.

"It was just bad," said Blackney. "We lost to Cameron twice, never lose to them."

The 'Hounds lost by the 15-0 to Smithville, 7-6 to Chillicothe, and 13-0 to Chillicothe, and Cameron, with the score of 5-0.

fourth place out of four teams.

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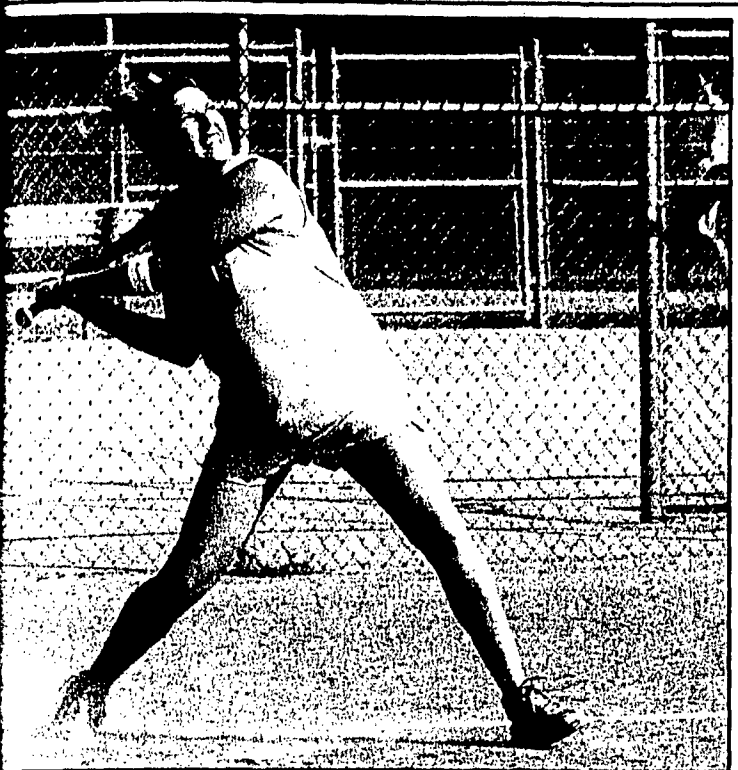


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Adrian James takes her cuts during the first day of intramural softball games. Intramural softball kicked off on Tuesday and continue through the next several weeks.

Chiefs find themselves with same problem as last year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It wasn't the 34-24 loss to Denver that alarmed Kansas City fans as much as how the Broncos got the 34 points.

All night long, some people felt they were experiencing déjà vu: watching the same players commit the same defensive shortcomings that new coordinator Gunther Cunningham was supposed to fix.

It seemed that way to head coach Dick Vermeil, too.

"The problems are basically the same," Vermeil said Tuesday.

"People need to play with better discipline and better technique and more consistently than they are," he said. "They will do it, or someone else will do it for them."

After finishing 30th overall against the run a year ago, the Chiefs are tied with New England for 30th again as they prepare for Sunday's home opener against Carolina.

The Broncos, led by Quentin Griffin, romped for more than 200 yards rushing in Sunday's game.

A poor defensive performance against Carolina would surely revive complaints about Kansas City's decision not to pursue any defensive free agents in the offseason. Except for a couple of high draft choices whom the Chiefs admit will take time to develop, the only significant addition to the defense is Cunningham.

Instead of investing in the free agent market, Kansas City re-signed a few veterans, including defensive end Eric Hicks and safety Jerome Woods.

"I would love to go out and take my salary cap and sign every multimillionaire we could sign," Vermeil said. "But we can't do that."

"I think we did, and the organization believes we did, the right thing with our people. Eric Hicks, we re-signed. The two safeties, we re-signed. And I think most people would do the same thing."

Cunningham spent the offseason and every day of training camp trying to install a new plan and a new attitude for the defense.

Nevertheless, the entire organization was disappointed to see so many players revert to their old ways in key situations against Denver, which had 16 plays of 10 or more yards.

"Defensively, actually, we've experienced the same problems we've always had with certain positions breaking down within the scheme and the discipline," Vermeil said.

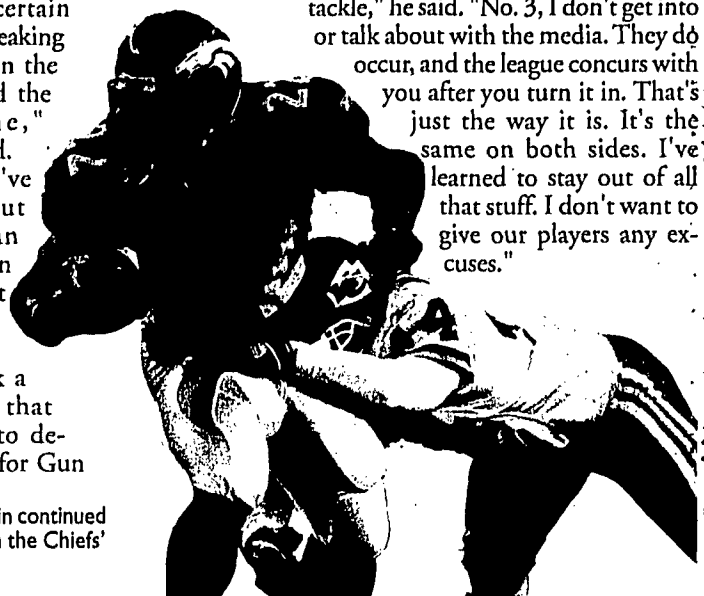
"So, we've got to put more than penicillin on it. We've got to fix the problem. But I think a game like that continues to define things for Gun

and the defensive coaching staff and what we have to do."

There were three basic problems, Vermeil said. He was willing to talk about two.

"First, it's someone not filling his responsibility, and, No. 2, missing a tackle," he said. "No. 3, I don't get into or talk about with the media. They do occur, and the league concurs with you after you turn it in. That's

just the way it is. It's the same on both sides. I've learned to stay out of all that stuff. I don't want to give our players any excuses."



Quentin Griffin continued the assault on the Chiefs' defense

tionally known Missouri fisherman, lure maker dies at 93

AMSTERDAM, Mo. (AP) — Ward, who started making fishing lures as a side business and became one of the nation's best-known fishermen through his syndicated television show, has died at 93.

Ward died Monday of cancer at his home in Amsterdam, his daughter, Barbara Ward.

Ward won a number of national world fishing championships and received the Dolphin Award, the best award in sports fishing. He was a member of both the National Water Fishing Hall of Fame and the International Fishing Hall of

Virgil was one of the best fishermen in the country, and I've fished a lot of them," said Frank

Fensom, who had worked for Ward and owned a sporting goods store in Raytown. "He was honest and he didn't exaggerate. He just went out and backed up what he said."

Ward started a plumbing shop in Amsterdam in 1950, and added an appliance business to supplement it. He and his son Bill then started up the Bass Buster Lure Co. in the back of the shop, patenting several fishing lure guards and jigs. They eventually sold the company to Johnson Fishing, now Johnson Worldwide Associates.

Ward began hosting a radio show that was broadcast on more than 200 stations and he also wrote a widely used newspaper column on fishing. His television show, "The Virgil Ward

Championship Fishing Show," began in 1964 and was syndicated to stations throughout the country. Ward filmed fishing trips throughout the United States and in other countries, often joined by celebrity guests.

His daughter said he stopped doing the show about 10 years ago when he was first diagnosed with cancer.

"He was just a really good fisherman," Barbara Ward said, and he went out for the last time on a lake behind his home a few weeks ago.

Ward and his wife, Clede, observed their 70th anniversary last December. She survives, along with the daughters Barbara, of Amsterdam; Sandy Curnutte, of Drexel; and Karen Brown, of Appleton City; son Bill, of Warsaw; and nine grandchildren.

MISSOURI PREP FOOTBALL RANKINGS

The Missouri state high school football rankings, as compiled by members of the Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.

CLASS 6:

1. Blue Springs 2-0
2. Rockhurst 1-1
3. Blue Springs South 2-0
4. Columbia Hickman 1-1
5. Hazelwood Central 1-1

CLASS 5:

1. KC Park Hill 2-0
2. Raymore-Peculiar 2-0
3. Fenton-Rockwood Summit 2-0
4. Springfield-Kickapoo 2-0
5. Jackson 2-0

CLASS 4:

1. Webb City 2-0
2. St. Charles-Duchesne 2-0
3. ST Clayton 2-0

4. Grandview 2-0
5. Camdenton 2-0
6. Holt 2-0
7. Nixa 2-0
8. ST Ladue 2-0
9. Bonne Terre-North County 2-0
10. Festus 2-0

CLASS 3:

1. Harrisonville 2-0
2. MICDS 2-0
3. Chillicothe 2-0
4. Herculaneum 2-0
5. Platte County 2-0
6. Richmond 2-0
7. Salem 2-0
8. St. John Burroughs 2-0
9. Carl Junction 2-0
10. Odessa 2-0

CLASS 2:

1. Caruthersville 2-0
2. Jeff City-Blair Oaks 2-0

3. California 2-0
4. Montgomery County 2-0
5. Trenton 2-0
6. KC Hogan Prep 2-0
7. Springfield Catholic 1-1
8. Macon 2-0
9. Willow Springs 2-0
10. Monroe City 2-0

CLASS 1:

1. Marionville 2-0
2. Pierce City 2-0
3. Weston-West Platte 2-0
4. Tipton 2-0
5. Salisbury 2-0
6. Perryville-St. Vincent 2-0
7. Gower-East Buchanan 2-0
8. Lockwood 2-0
9. Schuyler County 2-0
10. Rock Port 1-1

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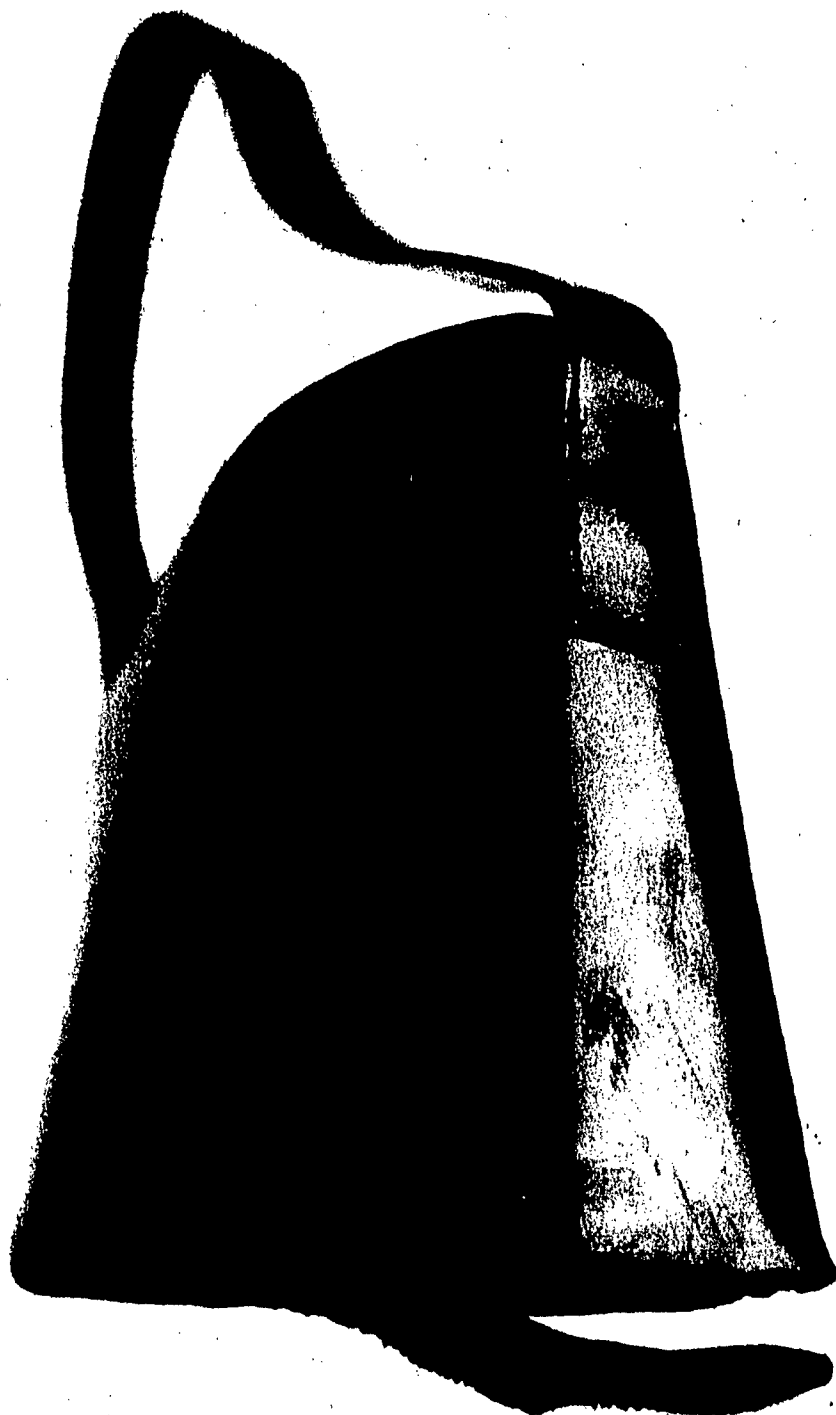
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The to-do list in Beth Hoyme's purse will never get done because a drunk driver convinced his friends he'd be fine.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



Your Man demands a little modesty

We've made it into our third week of school and girls are still dressing up like hoochie mommas. Short skirts, lots of cleavage and see-through tops were just some of the things Your Man saw over the weekend. Despite being a guy who enjoys these distractions, I must say that even I find it a little disturbing.

I just wonder what kind of moral integrity girls of today really have. Sure, celebrities like Britney, Christina, Paris and Beyonce dress scandalously, but what drives normal girls to wear clothes that barely fit, shoes that hurt like hell and put on makeup that Tammy Faye Bakker wouldn't wear? Half the girls wearing this stuff have boyfriends, so who are they trying to impress? I just don't get it.

'Hoochie-wear' has become pretty regular at the bars. All the girls who stroll into Molly's, Lucky's and the Palms looking like Tina Turner on a bad day. Sororities crowd the dance floor and start grinding on any guy they can find. And of course, there's always at least one couple in the corner making out or groping.

So what is it about college that makes



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girls forget about every decent thing they were ever taught? I know their mom and dad wouldn't have approved of the dresses they were wearing and they sure wouldn't have allowed them make out in public with a random guy! So what is different? What has changed these girls into hoochie-mommas?

Has the freedom of living away from home distorted their sense of morality that much? Has living morally loose become a rite of passage during college? Or is it that girls feel that they need to compete with other girls? Like other guys, I really can't explain this. I'm per-

plexed by a girl's every move.

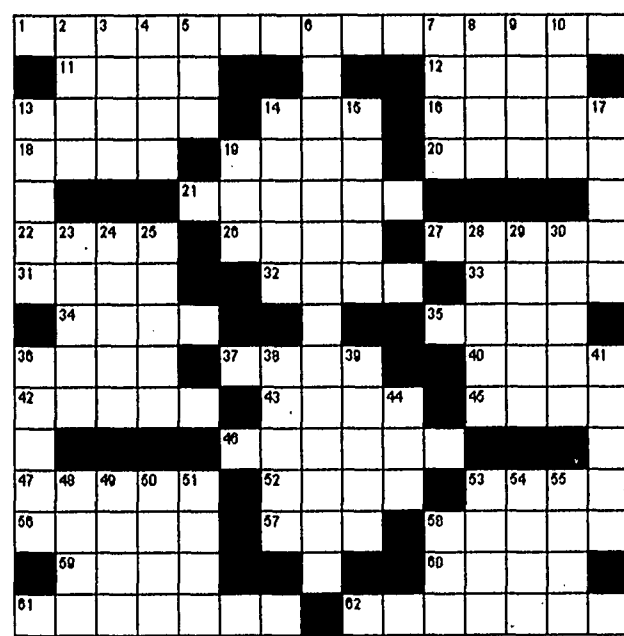
All I know is that I miss seeing the girls that dress with class and style. I miss the girls who are somewhat shy, but attractive. How they dance doesn't really matter much to me. I just want to meet a girl that's smart, trustworthy and someone who stands for something. In short, I miss the world as it was before Britney Spears and the hoochie phenomenon began.

I know it is kind of a secret, but girls aren't innocent! They know what they're doing! I might not understand what that is, but I'm always cautious of it. My advice to the girls of Maryville is to be yourself, dress comfortably and develop an opinion on something more earth shattering than the colors of nail polish. To those of you who do that already and are incredibly cool, I apologize for generalizing.

This article wasn't meant for you, you are the minority. This was meant for the majority.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Direct
11. Mournful cry
12. Killer whale
13. To do with carbamide
14. Master of Aeronautical Engineering
16. Light grayish brown
18. Prying
19. Very small lake
20. Finished
21. Furnished sitting room with sleeping accommodation
22. Coil
26. Cried

27. Wash
31. British nobleman
32. Not won
33. Tailless amphibian
34. Former name of Thailand
35. Cuts
36. Vietnamese
37. Performs
40. Beyond
42. Very small island
43. Head-wear
45. Killed
46. Provide with equipment
47. Most unfavorable
52. Hollow cylinder

53. Piece of work
56. Scoff
57. Distress signal
58. Trio
59. Former Yugoslav President
60. Detest
61. Malformed animal
62. Russian revolutionary

Down

2. Through
3. Fish eggs
4. Apart
5. Unwell
6. Banishment
7. Cloak
8. Small songbird

9. Sour
10. Anger
13. Aunt's husband
14. Standard for comparison
15. Prepares for publication
17. Having an edge
19. Church seat
23. Fertile area in a desert
24. Bay window
25. Shallow circular dish
28. Tiny particles
29. Absorbent cloth
30. Speed
36. Scenes
38. Fragments
39. Halts
41. Rouse
44. Bring civil action against
48. Upon
49. Restraint
50. Hardens
51. Horse's gait
53. Demonstrative pronoun
54. Skills
55. Search
58. Despite the fact that

See answers below

on the edge

Facts about war veterans:

■ Mary R. Stout became the first woman president of a national veterans group, named by the Vietnam Veterans of America on August 2, 1980.

■ Pennsylvania mandates that all counties provide veterans' graves each year with a flag, most of which are distributed before Memorial Day.

■ Two of America's most powerful monuments - The Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. were designed by the same artist/architect: Maya Lin.

■ Arlington National Cemetery is maintained by U.S. Army, but veterans of all military services are eligible to be buried there if they died in duty, retired from the military, or received the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, or Silver Star.

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For 'Resident Evil', bigger doesn't necessarily mean better

By SEAN COMER
BUZZ EDITOR

Some films know when to quit, some don't. Some directors know what made the original good, some don't comprehend the phrase "bigger does not mean better."

Resident Evil: Apocalypse doesn't wait a moment grabbing the audience's nerves. Picking up around where *Resident Evil* left off, Alice (Milla Jovovich) is leading a whole new little pack of survivors in a race against time to get out of the city before it's nuked to safety by the offending, virus-engineering, dead-raising Um-

brella Corporation.

While a nice follow-up story-wise—it picks up exactly where the original left off and never feels thrown together—*Apocalypse* lacks the subtle charm of the first one. *Resident Evil* didn't need huge sets and grandiose stunts to get a good scare out of anybody. With limited sets, a great ensemble cast, and an actual sense of dire, urgent terror, big, distracting explosions and effects weren't even necessary.

Which makes one ask even more: what happened? Easy: "bigger is better." The first one was such a success, it apparently warranted a bigger budget for

this one. All it does, though, is distract from the fact that the performances are disappointingly weaker, the story advances first too fast and then doesn't advance at all, and there's really nothing scary about anything in this movie.

Worst of all, nobody really knew when to end this one. Several great opportunities for an interesting, even twisted ending pass right on by—and for what? To possibly set up another sequel, of course. The ending is somewhat weak, but it doesn't completely spoil a pretty decent follow-up. It's still fun to watch, even if it does lack Anderson's unique, less-is-more touch of the original.

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